

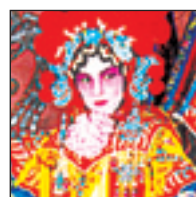
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5th Beijing-Hong Kong Economic Cooperation Symposium

City Bags Big Deals

Involving \$1.32 billion investment, 30 projects were signed at the Fifth Beijing-Hong Kong Economic Cooperation Symposium in Beijing Hotel which ended on Wednesday.

Projects included tourism, technological modernization of old enterprises, infrastructure construction, renovation of dilapidated housing, human resource exchanges, personnel training and materials circulation. The deals will boost trade, urban construction and high-technology, said Zhang Mao, vice mayor of Beijing.

More than 600 government officials, experts and entrepreneurs attended the two-day event to discuss opportunities arising from the 2008 Olympics and China's WTO entry. Beijing has 6,230 Hong Kong-funded companies, with contractual capital of \$15.98 billion. (Xinhua)

City Seeks Special Service Sector Status

Beijing is expected to take the lead among other regions in China to open its service sector to the world after China's entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Beijing has applied to the Chinese government to be an experimental city in opening its telecom, banking, insurance and other sectors after WTO entry, Li Zhao, director of the Beijing Foreign Trade and Economic Commission, revealed Wednesday at the ongoing 5th Beijing-Hong Kong Economic Cooperation Symposium here.

The service industry is expected to account for some 63 percent of the city's total gross domestic product by 2005, rising from the current 58.3 percent, said Chai Xiaozhong, a member of the Beijing Municipal Development Planning Commission.

He promised the city will provide a better environment for growth of the service sector by opening more business fields and accelerating reform of examination and approval procedures for companies.

By the end of last year, Beijing agreed \$23.2 billion in service contracts with overseas investors, about 63.6 percent of all industries. Some \$10.7 billion has been used in developing service businesses over the past years, 50.7 percent of the total value of overseas investment.

Last year, nearly 740 overseas enterprises were approved to run service businesses last year, a contractual investment of nearly \$3.3 billion.

Beijing has vowed to expand commerce, education, culture and medical services. The city believes this will attract overseas capital, modern management skills and service technologies. That in turn will strengthen cooperation in tourism, accounting and legal affairs, expected to hasten the city's opening of the service industry. (Xinhua)

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Stock Market Soars



Photo by Wang Huan

Analysts applaud commission's brave correction

By Shan Jinliang/Yang Xiao

Tuesday was a big day in the history of the Chinese stock market. Nearly all of the more than 1,000 shares in Shanghai and Shenzhen stock markets closed at new highs.

The Shanghai market opened at 1642.22 points, closing at 1670.35, with dealings of 17.304 billion yuan, up 9.86%. The Shenzhen market opened at 3423.66 points, closed at 3458.03 points, an increase of 10%. Shanghai surged 9.91% and Shenzhen B 10.04%.

It came on the day a spokesman for the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC) confirmed China will suspend the rule used to reduce state shares of listed firms.

Introduced in June, the now-suspended rule stipulated that whenever a company launched an initial public offering or issued new shares, it must sell off state shares equal to as much as 10 percent of the value of the stock issuance.

To further scrutinize how to go about reducing state shares, the CSRC decided to suspend implementing the fifth article of the Interim Measures on Reducing State-Owned Shares to Fund the Social Security System. The proceeds of this sale were supposed to help fund the nation's social security system.

The regulation had sparked heated debate in Chinese newspapers about the essence of a free market. The market then spoke

loudest of all. Economists calculate that in the next four months, Shanghai and Shenzhen listed A share companies lost 1.8 trillion yuan of their market value, with the circulation value plunging 571.7 billion yuan.

The response of the market proved the regulation was problematic, a shareholder told China Youth Daily.

After the regulation was suspended, a symposium was organized by the regulatory commission to figure out a better solution. Assembled experts praised the state's action in correcting its mistakes.

"It is the first time in stock market history a policy was terminated three months after issue," said analyst Liu Jipeng. "It resulted from

widely aired suggestions, respect for the market and adjustments to the policies of auditing departments, a key process.

"It marks the beginning of the establishment of a correction system in China's capital market. We cannot slow down reforms due to frustration."

Liu said to China Youth Daily historical reasons had created the system of state-owned shares. Their existence avoided the debate of state versus private ownership, he said.

This had ensured smooth establishment and development of the stock market. "But as reform deepens," Liu said, "those shares should disappear into history."

"Most urgent is to raise a new plan for state-owned shares."

Capital to Become Convention Center

Three projects will be completed within three years and seven more are on the drawing board.

Before the Olympics, Beijing will build exhibition facilities totaling 400,000 square meters, according to Yao Wang, director of the Beijing branch of the China Council for the

Promotion of International Trade.

A 220,000-square-meter China International Exhibition Center hall will be built in the Olympic Park in north Beijing, according to Yao.

Beijing now has 12 convention and exhibition buildings, with a combined exhibition area of 176,000 square me-

ters. In the past five years, 1,250 exhibitions, including more than 800 international exhibitions, were held in the city, accounting for half of the national total.

Beijing's exhibition service will face stiff international competition in the future, said Chan Wing Kee, of Hong

Kong Convention and Exhibition Center (Management).

The Hong Kong company will work with Beijing developing convention and exhibition business, while providing Beijing with services in planning, design, management and personnel exchange and training, he said. (Xinhua)

China's railways bring in fourth speed increase

Railways Increase Speed to Gain More Market

By Shan Jinliang

China's national railway system launched its fourth speed increase since April 1997 on October 21. The increase will not affect train ticket prices, says the Ministry of Railways.

The speed increase involves 17 provinces and municipalities covering more than 4,000 kilometers. Now the total distance covered by the speed increase since 1997 has reached 13,000 kilometers, linking up major large and medium-sized cities. Competition from new highways and airlines, rather than advanced technology, are compelling the railways to increase speed, say analysts.

Speed Keeps Railway Markets Afloat

April 1997 witnessed the country's first large-scale speed increase from the 48.3 kilometers per hour of the early '90s to 54.9 kilometers per hour on parts of the Beijing-Guangzhou, Beijing-Shanghai and Beijing-Harbin lines. As a result, the railways' market and profits increased over the following years. 1999 was the first



The dining car offers 4-star service in the luxury T21 passenger train from Beijing to Shanghai
Photo by Wu Di

year for the railway to make profits.

The Minister of Railways said a few days ago that the national railways would experience two more nationwide speed increases in 2003 and 2005 respectively.

Excellent Service to Secure Market Position

Another key approach is to offer a fuller range of services to passengers. This is a lesson the railways have learnt in the fierce sparring between the highways and airlines. The railways are currently seeking to follow the lead of civil air services, with the new luxury T21 passenger trains from Beijing to Shanghai revealing a commitment to improved service quality.

The train, called a moving "4-star hotel", is the first of its kind in the history of China's railways. All the attendants have received a 10-day service training course before they attend to passengers.

The Ministry of Railways is working on decentralizing their management structures to make the rail industry more market-oriented.

Airport Railway Construction May Start Next Year

Construction of a railway linking Beijing's urban subway ring with the capital's international airport, located north-east of the city center, will hopefully begin next year, said Wednesday's Beijing Morning Post.

The newspaper's sources at the 5th Beijing-Hong Kong Economic Cooperation Symposium said the No.13 subway line will be 18.15 km long with 1.63 km of overground railway, 12.82 km of elevated railway and 3.7 km of subway.

The rail link will start at Wangjingxi Station serving nine stations, at the terminal building of the airport.

The railway, expected to cost some 4.3 billion yuan, will adopt an auto ticket booking and collecting system. The construction will be carried out between January 2002 and December 2004, the paper said.

The municipal government promoted the project to overseas investors at the symposium in the hope to draw more funds.

Low-rent Housing Introduced

By Zhao Pu

In response to public concern over low-rent housing, Trial Measures of Beijing Urban Low-rent Housing Administration were issued on October 12.

According to the Measures, those urban residents whose income is at or below the bottom income line, and those whose housing conditions are consistent with the housing difficulties standard can apply for low-rent housing.

Three measures—practical renting, rent subsidy, and rent exemption are adopted in the newly issued policies. The three measures are not mutually exclusive.

Application and rotation systems are introduced in the Measures. Local residents can apply for the low-rent housing in their street community office. The overall information of the applying residents submitted to the offices will be checked by the administrative organs, and those qualified applicants will be enrolled in the rotation system and wait in turns for the low-rent housing.

Moreover, the Measures strictly state that all benefits are conditional on income and housing difficulty levels. Those beneficiaries of the policy whose income later exceed the lowest income standard will have to vacate the low-rent housing within six months.

Training on Hand for Statistics Personnel

By Zhao Pu

A range of training programs will soon be introduced to improve the work of the Beijing government's statistical personnel, following a newly revised Beijing Municipal Statistics Administrative Regulation.

The revision of the Regulation took place at the 30th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Beijing Municipal People's Congress on October 16, becoming effective on December 1.

A national inspection on the implementation of statistical law was carried out from May to September this year. Results from the inspection exposed problems stemming from the overall quality of statistical personnel.

"The quality of statistical work of Beijing has been greatly improved in recent years," remarked Huo Runtao, deputy-chief of the Laws and Regulations Department under the Beijing Municipal Statistical Bureau, "falsification and tempering of statistics have been effectively reduced thanks to the government's reforming efforts. Now the incapability of some statistical personnel has become the major problem."

Beijing Welcomes Biggest Center of Commodity Interflow

By Li Dan

Beijing Holdings Limited Group (BHL) and Hong Kong Kerry Group are joining hands to construct a Big Mac project of commodity interflow, which has been the key topic during the Beijing and Hong Kong Economic Cooperation Symposium. More than 10 billion RMB has been poured into the project, the largest investment in commodity interflow between BHL and HK Kerry.

Experts say the project covers an area of 5,000 hectares, located

on both sides of the Beijing-Tianjin-Tanggu Expressway. Services will be provided in high-tech areas, residential areas and Beijing's Central Business District (CBD). The whole project is based on five centers, commodity interflow center, business trade center, exhibition center, information center and comprehensive service center.

The Big Mac project will be fully completed between 2005 and 2006. After construction, the center will become the central

base of commodity interflow in Beijing, a huge platform for exhibitions and e-information. It is said well-known enterprises are currently planning to set up in the center, covering fields of building materials, electronic products, food products and children's products. Also, some Hong Kong governmental organizations and famous consortia (international financial groups) intend to establish exhibition centers in Beijing's center of commodity interflow.



Dai Xueqin, a lawyer participant of the program receives an honorary certificate from the Minister of Justice, Fan Fangping (left) and EU Ambassador, Klaus Ebermann

Photo by Chen Shuyi

EU-China Cooperation Program Enhances Exchange

By Zhao Pu

39 participants from the first year of the EU-China Legal & Judicial Cooperation Program were awarded honorary certificates at the Annual Alumni Reception, held in Kempinski Hotel Beijing.

Besides graduates from the first year of the program, the reception also hosted Chinese Members of the Steering Committee of the program, EU ambassadors and Chinese officials from the Ministry of Justice (MOJ).

The program is funding up to 400 outstanding professionals involved in the Chinese legal system for training in Europe over a four-year period from 2000 to 2004, with funding of over 13.5 million euro from the European Union.

From the program's launch in March 2000, 94 Chinese lawyers, judges and prosecutors and other legal professionals have benefited. The program has been considered successful by both sides of the cooperation. In evaluating the program, some of the participants gave their opinions to Beijing Today during and

after the reception.

"The program is well organized and consistently implemented," commented Zhu Weiguo, a lawyer participant of the program and deputy-chief in the Legislative Affairs Office under the State Council, "The nine months' training has been a really rewarding as well as exciting experience, which has widened our horizons, sharpened our intelligence and refreshed our expertise."

"The program provided us with a good opportunity to know about the entire European legal system, and helped us to obtain knowledge in some new areas," Wu Weiguang, lecturer from the Law School of Tsinghua University. Wu told Beijing Today of his suggestion that a formal diploma should be issued to every participant.

Meanwhile, the second group of lawyers is about to finish their training in Europe. Applications for different training components of upcoming programs are open on its official website (www.legaljudicial.org).

Background

The EU-China Legal and Judicial Cooperation Program is part of a family of cooperative activities undertaken by Europe and China in an extensive range of areas. It's the largest legal co-operation project in China, as the result of an agreement between the European Commission and MOFTEC signed in 1998.

The program aims at strengthening Sino-European legal and judicial exchanges and collaboration, as well as supporting a better understanding of the concept of the rule of law in China. "It focuses on training for legal judicial professionals including lawyers, judges and prosecutors, providing a platform for professionals in the law from both Europe and China to exchange ideas and views and to learn from each other," as described by Christopher Pattern, Commissioner for External Relations of European Union.

City Planning Exhibition Hall to Open Next Year

By Wang Dandan

The Beijing City Planning Exhibition Hall will be completed next year, said He Xiaojian, director of the Beijing City Planning Exhibition Center on October 22.

The underground hall is due to be built on the northern side of Yongdingmen, and aims to provide

city planning information as well as present and past achievements to both locals and foreigners. Such halls are very popular in Shanghai, one of the earliest cities to establish city planning exhibition halls in China. Visitors to Shanghai's halls must not exceed 10,000 a day, added He.

To offer better service to visitors, investors and developers, the hall will also be equipped with top quality visual and audio facilities. Special earphones will be available in the hall, so that the explanations change as the visitor moves from one section to another.

City Planning Exhibition Disappoints Visitors

By Wang Dandan

The Beijing City Planning Exhibition was opened to the public for the first time at the office building of the Capital City Planning Committee on October 20. A city-planning map together with a model of the city was exhibited, depicting the city's changes over the past 50 years.

The exhibition meets professional standards, catering to investors or developers' needs, said He Xiaojian, director of Beijing City Planning Exhibition

Center.

The exhibition has been allocated four floors, including general planning, detail planning, and special planning such as CBD, Zhongguancun and Chang'an Avenue. Exhibition media need to move beyond printed boards however. More pictures, models and visual facilities should be exploited.

Foreigners are not well catered for, in that the hall only provides one interpreter. Besides, not all the exhibition boards have

been translated into English.

Local residents looking for concise, clear information about future housing programs for their area are frustrated by the inaccessibility of the explanations and illustrations. City planning only provides a general idea of certain districts.

Members of the public can visit the exhibition at weekends only. Companies and organizations may also visit on Wednesdays by calling 68054605 to make an appointment.



Senior citizens care about future housing programs for their area

Photo by Jackey

Legend Heads into Real Estate Market

By Li Dan

Regulars to Zhongguancun will notice there is a V-shaped building towering beside the western part of the 4th North Ring Road. This domineering structure, the Raycom Infotech Park Tower A, represents Legend Holdings' first step into the real estate market.

Raycom Infotech Park Tower A is located in the former site of the Institute of Computer Science, Chinese Academy of Science (ICSCAS) very close to Legend Holdings Headquarters. Four or five more such buildings will appear in the near future making up the architectural complex, Raycom Co. Ltd., covering an area of 240,000 square meters.

Raycom, the son company of Legend Group, mainly specializes in science and technology development with a registered capital of 200 million yuan. It is said this is the largest project Legend is currently undertaking outside the IT field.

Chen Guodong, 36 years old, is the general manager of Raycom, as well as vice-president of the holding company of Legend Group, and vice-president of Legend Investment Co. Ltd.

Once the project is successfully completed, a larger piece of real estate will be developed in the area around the ICSCAS, including Institute of Software, Institute of Physics and Institute of Biology.

However, Raycom is not included in Legend's original blueprint. "We just followed the situation of Zhongguancun Science and Technology Area's developing plan," said Chen.

Chen claimed the Tower would become a new business center, attracting many IT enterprises. Some important organizations of Legend Holdings Company will also open offices here.

Yin Guang Xia Faces Restructuring

By Zhao Yijiang

The stock price of Yin Guang Xia (Yinchuan) Industry Co. Ltd. (SZSE: 0557) rebounded sharply on Monday as investors cheered the restructuring of the company. The company had previously plunged for 15 consecutive days by the 10% market limit due to the release of false financial statements.

Tianjin Guang Xia, one of the company's wholly-owned subsidiaries, was discovered in August this year to have cooked up 178 million yuan (\$21.5 million) and 5.67 billion yuan (\$685.6 million) of profit in 1999 and 2000. The company is not in good condition financially, and some assets of Guang Xia have been frozen since the company has faced four civil lawsuits involving debts of 340 million yuan. Under such circumstances, it was disclosed that Shenzhen Fate Industry Co. Ltd., a privately-owned company operating mainly in Shenzhen and Hainan province, intended to restructure Guang Xia.

Experts said there are three barriers in the restructuring process: firstly, the problem of transferring the institutional shares; secondly, solving the credit crisis of the company; thirdly, facing the group litigation of minority shareholders.

Kingdee Grants Stock Option to Employees

By Zhao Yijiang

Kingdee International (HKGEM: 8133), one of the dominant forces in China's software industry, announced its first stock option grant after listing on the Growth Enterprise Market (GEM) of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (HKEx). 33 employees including 2 returning from the US received 1.72 million Kingdee shares. After this round of handouts, 191 Kingdee employees hold stock options or depositary stocks in the company.

According to the listing rules of HKEx, the future exercise price of the stock option is the fair market value (FMV) of the stock on the date the option is granted. The GEM index when Kingdee International went public on the GEM on February 15 is much higher than the day on which Kingdee's stock option was granted, which means the stock price will have more room to rise, and levy better rewards to Kingdee's employees.

"Kingdee International will encourage its employees to contribute continuous innovation. At the same time, the stock option plan will attract more managerial and technical talents to join us, so we can build the aircraft carrier of China's software industry," said Kingdee CEO Xu Shaochun.

Emerson Buys Unit of Huawei for \$750 Million

By James Young

U.S.-based Emerson Electric Co. said on Monday it paid \$750 million in cash for the network power supply unit of Chinese telecom equipment firm Huawei Technologies in an unusually large buyout of a mainland company by a foreign firm.

The electrical products maker said in a statement it had bought Huawei's Avansys Power Co. Ltd. unit in south China's boomtown Shenzhen in a bid to develop its business in Asia.

Emerson already has 10,000 employees in China in wholly owned and joint venture manufacturing operations.

Analysts said while foreign firms have made full acquisitions of established Chinese companies in the past, there have been few deals of this magnitude. More commonly, foreign firms build new operations in China from the ground up or find local joint venture partners.

Employee owned Huawei, founded in 1988, is one of China's largest telecoms equipment producers. According to its website, www.huawei.com.cn, the company earned a net profit of \$356 million in 2000 on sales of \$2.66 billion, compared with a 1999 net profit of \$154 million on sales of \$1.5 billion.

Beijing-Hong Kong Cooperation Bears Fruit

By Yang Xiao

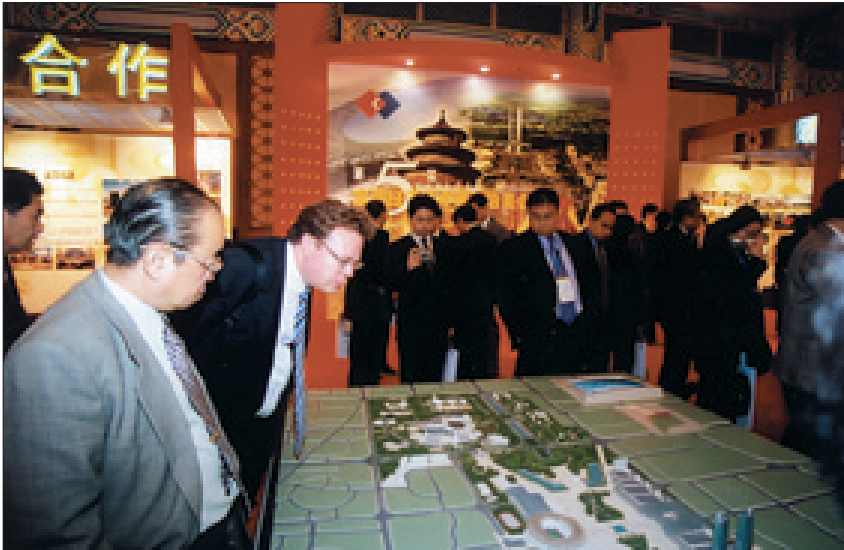
Entrepreneurs from Beijing and Hong Kong inked contracts worth some \$1.32 billion in Beijing on October 24, testifying to the fact that both sides are eager for further cooperation against the backdrop of China's impending 2008 Olympic Games.

After a cooperation-seeking symposium of 2 days, business people from Beijing and Hong Kong signed 30 cooperation projects, in the fields of high-tech, industry, tertiary sector, real estate, and urban infrastructure, among others. There are also 21 potential projects valued at \$670 million that need further negotiation.

Big Orders

On the afternoon of October 24, scores of businessmen signed various contracts under the gaze of mayor Liu Qi. Singapore's largest public transportation services company DelGro Group signed a merger contract with Beijing Jin Jian Taxi Services Co. Ltd. with a value of 137 million yuan. Jin Jian boasts 3300 Taxis in Beijing, and the new company has 250 million yuan total assets. "We need to land our business in China. The merger is the important step," said Kenneth Ho Siew Keong, DelGro (China) GM.

Ngan Cheung Kan, Chairman of Cenwah Holdings Ltd., smiled after



Hong Kong businessmen see the plans of Olympic Games constructions

Photo by Chen Shuyi

signing a contract with Mian Hua Pian residential community. He topped the meeting with the largest real estate contract, amounting to \$340 million. Ngan told *Beijing Today*, "After half a year of negotiation, we finally sit together. I think Beijing will give us great opportunities as a result of the Olympic Games."

According to one official named Liu from Xuanwu District Foreign Economic & Trade Commission, a majority of real estate projects were settled

after the meeting.

Researching Possibilities

When Patrick Lam was ready to fly back to Hong Kong, he told *Beijing Today* he had attained his goals on this Beijing trip. Lam serves as assistant GM in one of Hong Kong's top 3 real estate companies, New World Development Co. Ltd. New World has invested billions of yuan into Beijing's Chongwen district.

This time Lam's current project is building an exhibition center. He made contacts with officials and relevant busi-

Alcatel Integrates into Telecom Giant

By Zhao Pu

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed Tuesday between the Ministry of Information Industry (MII) and Alcatel, in creating a Company Limited by Shares - Alcatel Shanghai Bell (ASB), by integrating Alcatel's key operations in China with Shanghai Bell.

Alcatel will hold 50% plus one share in the new company, with Chinese entities taking the remaining shares. In forming ASB, Alcatel is the first international company to establish a Chinese company limited by shares in the telecommunications sector, and also the first telecom equipment supplier to consolidate its businesses in China in a single company.

ASB will more than double the number of research and development engineers currently in Alcatel China, Shanghai Bell and Shanghai Bell Alcatel Mobile Communication combined, giving it 3,500 engineers in three years time. ASB will become one of Alcatel's major global R&D centers. Core technologies to be developed by ASB for domestic and global markets include next generation fixed and mobile networks. Alcatel expects ASB to export more than \$1 billion in its first three years of operation.

Paying a total of \$312 million for the transaction, Alcatel will own 50% and one share, an increase from the current 31.65%. Alcatel China, Shanghai Bell and Shanghai Bell Alcatel Mobile communication will be integrated into ASB. All of Alcatel's other telecom subsidiaries in China will be integrated into ASB within 24 months of its establishment.

"The one share above 50% indicates the symbolic predominance of Alcatel over the company, without exceeding the limit of foreign ownership," remarked Qin Chijiang, deputy secretary-general of the Chinese Academy of Finance.

Commenting on the significance of the transaction, the Dean of the School of Economy and Management of Beijing University of Post and Telecommunications, Shu Meiyang, told *Beijing Today* that it reflects further opening-up of the government's policy responding to the forthcoming entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO), rather than having big influence in the telecommunications market in China. "As the market has already been widely opened in this section, the shift of the company will hardly cause any new alteration to the present pattern of the market," said Shu.



Alcatel's Chairman and CEO, Serge Tchuruk (center) at the conference



Sina CEO Daniel Mao and Sohu CEO Charles Zhang sat together. Does shaking hands mean compromise again?

Photo by Photocome

Internet Free Age Gone

By Yang Xiao

The Internet in China has to struggle for profits. 6 Internet celebrities and one well-known martial arts novelist, Jin Yong, gathered in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province to discuss the future of the net on October 22. Every one on the stage agreed that the age of free Internet had gone.

In August Sina.com first announced it would promote a kind of fee-based email box. At that time many netizens rejected such an email box, and one netizen in Chengdu even prepared to take legal action on Sina. Simultaneously com-

petitor Sohu.com grasped the opportunity to promote its new free email box. Now Sohu CEO Charles Zhang confessed at the meeting that taking charges is a better way of life.

NetEase.com founder William Ding proclaimed at the meeting that it was ready to upgrade its e-mail systems and charge netizens. B2B portal Alibaba.com CEO Ma Yun claimed his platform would not be open for free to anyone.

Sarcastically, the hostess asked the audience who would support charges. No hands were raised.

Pioneer Reboots E-commerce in Xidan

By Shan Jinliang

Wang Juntao, considered a pioneer of China's e-commerce by some analysts, was made CEO of the newly founded Beijing Xidan E-commerce Co. Ltd. on October 18. Wang and Xidan Shopping Co. Ltd. have jointly invested in the corporation.

Wang came to Beijing from Fuzhou in early 1999 to cooperate with the newly set-up Xidan Shopping website for e-commerce. "But at that time, we just worked together on business issues, different from our current partnership," recalled Wang. He was appointed CEO of 8848.net in July 1999, becoming chairman in November the same year. He later resigned and became chairman of My8848.net in January this year.

Wang will serve both as director of the board and manager at Xidan E-commerce. Liu Xiuling, chairman of the corporation, values Wang's experience in



Photo by Wang zhenlong

e-commerce and management, as well as his 'firm conviction on the B2C business pattern'.

Wang said the Xidan E-commerce website is not renowned in the IT industry, but is a steady performer in the commercial arena. He added that one of the key features of the new corporation is a modern management approach similar to that in IT companies, thus facilitating communication.

"I am very pleased to cooperate with the new company, and my life and work styles remain unchanged," commented Wang in a calm voice.

Wang Juntao has his own 'restart' theory, saying that China's Internet is like a computer that needs to reboot after crashing. He said his recent appointment in the new company is like another 'rebooting'. It seems however that for the moment he has enough on his desktop to keep him from thinking about any more new starts.

By Zhao Hongyi

China is opening her doors to foreign job agencies from December 1 this year, according to a notice released last week by the country's Ministry of Labor and Social Security (MOLSS), together with the State Administration for Industry and Commerce (SAIC). Certain conditions are applicable however.

This step is taken according to the service market access agreements China reached with member states of WTO, of which China is believed to be a member by the end of this year.

Specific conditions required include:

1. Foreign agencies can only enter the market by establishing joint or cooperative ventures. No solely owned enterprise will be allowed during the first several years. It is believed that the requirement is placed under the protection clauses of the agreements, which permit China to gradually open its market, allowing a transitional period for adjustment of the country's industry and its adaptation to the direct competition to come.

2. Foreign investors of the joint and cooperative ventures must have legal status in their own countries, must have a business history in the country/region where they are registered, and must have decent reputations before coming to China.

3. Candidate joint or cooperative ventures must have no less than \$300,000 registered capital, and no less than 3 qualified professionals to work in the ventures to be established.

4. The representative offices of foreign enterprises and foreign chambers of commerce are not allowed to open job consultancy or related intermediary businesses.

China has already opened its

Market Further Widens to Overseas Job Agencies



The huge population of China offers a great market potential for job agencies

Photo by Zhuang Jian

human resources market to foreign players from October 1, particularly those headhunters for professionals. This latest notice from MOLSS and SAIC can be treated as a follow up step and supplement to the earlier initiative, indicating the country has fur-

ther opened its human resources market from top talent right down to low-skilled labor.

According to statistics, by the end of the year 2000, more than 3700 intermediaries emerged in the country's human resources market. More than 150 thousand agencies

and 1.5 million staff are involved in this business. Almost 100 thousand persons received evaluation, and one million more received technical training courses from these domestic agencies.

Last year, more than 10 thousand human resources exchange

fairs were held with 480 thousand employment organizations and 115 million visitors participating. In addition, the on-line human resources market has also developed rapidly with 547 professional websites and 60 million visitors annually.

Foreign Investors Soon Allowed to Sell Chinese Company Shares

By Zhao Hongyi

Foreign investors aiming at collecting money for financing will be allowed to sell their shares of Chinese enterprises and Sino-foreign joint ventures on the Chinese stock markets in Shanghai and Shenzhen. Currencies they are allowed to take out of the country include Renminbi yuan, Hong Kong dollar and US dollar.

Laura Cha, vice chairwoman of China Security Regulatory Commission (CSRC), the watchdog of China's securities market, made these remarks at the APEC senior official meeting prior to the APEC Summit held October 20-21 in Shanghai.

According to Ms. Cha, necessary laws and regulations are in drafting and expected to be adopted quite soon.

According to Ms. Cha, a number of foreign investors are in consultation with CSRC for permission to sell the shares in their hands. These investors include the Bank of East Asia Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd. (HSBC) and Unilever.

Further reforms are expected to allow foreign funded companies to trade and be listed on the Chinese stock markets.

Microsoft Plans More Investment in Beijing

By Zhao Hongyi

Bill Gates, Chairman of Microsoft, confirmed his commitment to increase investment in Beijing.

In an interview with the reporter from Beijing Daily during the APEC Business CEO summit last week, Gates expressed his confidence in the economic development of Beijing, particularly after the city's successful bid to host the 2008 Olympics.

"Globally, we will increase the total investment for research and development by 15 percent, of which a great portion will be used to accelerate the growth and further development of the Microsoft China R&D Center in Beijing. The research and product developing focuses will also be expanded from the current software designing and professional training courses to voice-reading technologies and other new IT products," said Mr. Gates.



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Fully Foreign Funded Travel Agency Opened in Beijing

By Zhao Hongyi

After lengthy discussion, a solely foreign owned travel agency was established on October 9 in Beijing, marking the country's full opening of its travel agency market to foreign capital.

China Travel Service (Hong Kong) Ltd., a Hong Kong based international travel agency, claimed this week in Hong Kong that the group's China Travel Service International (CTS International) had registered a new independently owned subsidiary in Beijing -- China Travel Service International Co. Ltd. CTS International was formerly China Travel Service Group's (CTS Group) branch in Hong Kong, but was bought CTS (Hong Kong) Ltd. several years ago. Now CTS International is the first overseas agency to establish a fully independent branch on the Chinese mainland.

At the launching ceremony held in Hong Kong, Mr. Che Shujian, president of CTS International, said that China Travel Service International Co. Ltd. will try to hold its own among the first five of its competitors on the Chinese mainland in terms of business volume and profit in the coming three years. Within the next five years it plans to rank among the first three.

According to Mr. Zhang Xuewu, vice president of CTS International, the newly established agency has a registered capital of 50 million yuan and will formally open for business from the beginning of next year. But as to how many outlets will be built on the Chinese mainland, and how much capital will be invested in this regard, Mr. Zhang declined to provide concrete figures.

Also, according to sources from CTS International, the group has a total of 1.2 billion yuan of liquid capital, which provides ample room for further development. Stock listing is the long-term target for the newly founded company. CTS International will not, however, make any purchase or merger at present on the Chinese mainland.

But reports say China Travel Service (Hong Kong) Ltd. has prepared a total of more than 2 billion Hong Kong dollars cash for possible purchase of travel agencies on the Chinese mainland. The Hong Kong travel service giant has already bought half a dozen small agencies in Fujian province. More purchases will be carried out in China's southern cities and provinces, such as Shanghai, Guangdong and Hainan. Beijing is also part of the purchasing blueprint.

Investors Eager for Slice of 'Iron Cake'

By Zhao Hongyi

Beijing is experiencing a construction boom in housing and infrastructure, indicating a great potential market for iron and steel, particularly after the city's successful bid to host the 2008 Olympics. The 'iron cake' market of the city's construction industry has whetted the appetites of businesses both from home and abroad.

During the "China International Steel Construction Expo" held on October 15-17 at Beijing International Conference Center, more than 100 exhibitors presented their most advanced technologies and products to visitors in an effort to secure a portion of the emerging market.

Displayed products at the exhibition covered structural

steel, accessories and linking products, construction board material, heat proof material, steel structure processing equipment, checking equipment, designing, analyses, CAD, installation technology and equipment, maintenance and protection technology.

Shanghai Baoshan Iron & Steel Co. Ltd., Beijing Shougang Iron & Steel Co. Ltd., Liaoning Anshan Iron & Steel Group Corporation, and Sichuan Panzhihua Iron & Steel Group Co., as well as producers and business handlers of over 20 countries and regions around the world occupied the exhibition hall with their products and posters.

Currently, China's annual consumption of iron and steel for construction use is at 3 million

tons. But the number is expected to climb to 6-7 million tons by 2005, provided the annual economic growth stays at 7-10 percent, according to Mr. Jin Shanxi, member of the organizing committee of the exhibition and the metallurgical industry sub-council of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT).

Pohang Iron & Steel Co. Ltd. (POSCO), the world's second largest steel manufacturer from South Korea, brought products to the exhibition from both the parent company in South Korea and its joint ventures in China.

"We are fully convinced that the potential market for iron and steel in Beijing and China as a whole is huge," said the head of POSCO delegate.

Chinese Hinterland Awaits 7-Eleven Convenience

The huge market may be divided into several parts for access

By Zhao Hongyi

American chain store 7-Eleven is confidently marching into the Chinese hinterland, after an initial landing in Shenzhen in 1992. The first target is Beijing. But due to the vast size of the country, 7-Eleven intends to split the market among its regional agents in Asia.

In its first venture in China in 1992, 7-Eleven was led by Hong Kong Milk Dairy Co. Ltd., its agent in Hong Kong. Up till now, 61 7-Eleven chain stores have already opened in Shenzhen and Guangzhou. In January this year, the Guangdong provincial government granted the Hong Kong agent permission to open a total of 350 7-Eleven chain stores in the province. The group declared it would establish a further 300 stores in South China, outside of Guangdong.

Now the market focus has shifted to Beijing. So far, the Beijing municipal government holds a positive attitude to the presence of 7-Eleven in the city, because it is in line with the local government's intention to restructure and modernize the city's commercial outlets in the downtown area.

"We welcome 7-Eleven, no matter which agent comes," said Mr. Liang Wei, director general of the Beijing Municipal Commercial Commission, the policy regulator and supervisor of the city's commercial business.



Photo by Zhuang Jian

Currently, four 7-Eleven agents are vying for China's capital. They are: Hong Kong Milk Dairy Co. Ltd., President Chain Store Corporation from Taiwan, Chia Tai Group from Thailand, and Ito Yokado Co. Ltd. from Japan.

Out of the four, only Japanese retail giant

Ito Yokado has talked to the press.

"After many years of running at a loss, the American 7-Eleven has been almost on the verge of bankruptcy. Now, Ito Yokado is its real owner, and Mr. Toshifumi Suzuki, our president and CEO, is the chairman of the board of 7-Eleven," Mr. Feng Chaoyu, business director of Ito Yokado Beijing office, told our reporter.

"Ito Yokado is mainly focused on the megastore retail market in China at present. We are glad that the three other companies are so eager to bring 7-Eleven to Beijing. But the final picture, we think, should be shared by the four of us. You have to remember that Ito Yokado has the final decision making right," said Mr. Feng.

In fact, a number of new chain store names, either fully domestically funded or joint ventures, have appeared in China's big cities. They include the newly opened Beatrice chain stores in Beijing, Kedi chain stores and Hualian-Lawson chain stores in Shanghai, 7-Eleven, AMPM and OK chain stores in Guangzhou and Shenzhen. It is expected that 7-Eleven's expansion will bring in a full set of business management concepts, commodities logistic supplying systems, and new financial management concepts for commercial chain outlets.

Beijing Promoting Itself Overseas

By Sun Ming

The US owned *International Herald Tribune* is running a travel competition sponsored by the Beijing Tourism Administration. Winners will get the opportunity to visit Beijing for free next April.

The *International Herald Tribune*, founded in 1887, is issued in some 180 countries around the world and attracts readers at the top end of the pay scale.

Beijing is a pioneer among Chinese cities in terms of exploring international tourist markets. According to Li Jicheng, director of the international markets office of the Beijing Tourism Administration, it isn't the first

time for Beijing to sponsor such competitions in foreign media.

In the past two years, Beijing has also advertised its top tourist attractions in Japan's *Asahi Shimbun* (朝日新闻), *Yomiuri* (读卖新闻), the newspapers of Paris and Berlin.

Meanwhile outdoor advertisements for Beijing attract people's eyes in many cities around the world.

In the subway station of Tokyo, on double-decker buses in London, on electric trams in Vienna, people can see images of the Great Wall, the Temple of Heaven, and other famous landmarks of the Chinese capital.



Advertisement for Beijing on a London double-decker bus

Photo by Lv You

APEC Boosts Popularity of Chinese Style Clothing

By Su Wei

"Do you have any flower clustered brocade?" Since APEC leaders posed for photos in traditional Chinese style clothing, the sale of brocade has increased sharply at Daxin Textile Shop.

According to the manager, their tailors are kept busy these days making Chinese style clothing for clients.

Sales of Chinese style clothing are up and it is largely due to the promotional boost it received at the APEC Conference, says Shan Fanghui, Vice Secretary-General

of the Beijing Clothing & Textile Industrial Association

Improvements have been made in the design of Chinese style clothing tailored or sold in the current market. Waistline and shoulder pads have been added, and the style of a loose lower hem as seen in western garments has been adopted.

Some tailors predict red or diamond-blue will take off as fashionable colors for the Chinese style clothing, because most of the leaders chose those two colors at the just concluded APEC conference.

Medical Researcher Sentenced to Death over Drugs



Photo by Yang Yonghui

By Su Wei

Liu Yingquan, a researcher and teacher at the China Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine, was sentenced to death for manufacturing and selling illegal drugs on October 24.

59-year-old Liu Yingquan used

his extensive medical knowledge to develop a kind of drug that police say they had never encountered prior to seizing some 400 such red capsules from another drug dealer.

The main component of the drug was later shown to be methadone, a state controlled substance.

Liu admitted to his crime without any resistance. He said he would not have become a criminal if he had not spent money on living with his lover.

In order to increase his income, he started to develop drugs, and asked some acquaintances to sell them. More than 70,000 capsules were discovered when public security officers searched the home of his lover.



Photo by Liu Ping

Pop Concert? No, English Class!

More than 20,000 people shouted and waved their hands following Li Yang in the Capital Stadium on the evening of October 20.

Li Yang, initiator of *Language Cracking System* and founder of *Stone-Cliz, International English Promotion Work-*

shop has attracted many fans with his lively style of English teaching.

The English learning system emphasizes shouting and gesturing, unlike traditional approaches that focus on such old fashioned concepts as vocabulary and grammar. (Su Wei)



Michael Primont, the man behind Cherry Lane movies

By Ivy Zhang

Last Friday night the hit movie *Shower* screened at the theatre of the Sino-Japanese Youth Exchange Center.

The movie is set in a bathhouse hidden in one of Beijing's hutongs. The bathhouse serves as a home-away-from-home for a group of mostly older men, who pass the days drinking tea, playing chess or gambling when they're not soaking in the big tiled tubs.

What made this screening special was that the audience were all from the international community in Beijing.

The organizer of the event, Michael Primont, has been described as "the ambassador of Chinese film."

Primont, the managing director of American company Cherry Lane Music, shows Chinese films with English subtitles on a big screen three Fridays every month. More than 200 people usually attend each show. Sometimes, the director, producer and actors come along and chat with the audience after the movie.

In 1994, soon after Primont arrived in China he met a woman who was showing Chinese movies to foreigners on a casual basis.

Learning that Primont was in the entertainment business, the woman asked

Understanding China through Chinese Films

Before the film was shown, the reporter interviewed some viewers, here are some of their comments:

"We've been coming for over a year. This is my tenth or twelfth, something like that. (The films are) very enjoyable and most of them are very well done. I've probably only seen one or two that I didn't really care for. My favorite is Zhang Yimou's *Not One Less*... I like them (Chinese films) very much. I think they are quite professional. The acting for the most part is very very good... I think Michael Primont is wonderful for doing this. I try to come each time he shows a film."

- A woman who declined to give her name

"This is my first time. I know they are all Chinese movies with English subtitles. I think it'll be interesting to hear direct translations and get to know more about Chinese movies and by the way more culture as well... I've been in Beijing for two and a half years. The tickets are expensive (RMB50) so I've never come before. Finally I got around to doing this."

- Dwayne Doty, Academic Manager of Beijing 21st Century Times Education Centre

"We come here because the films about China are very interesting. I've come five or six times... I think it's a good thing... I liked 'The Making of the Atomic Bomb' ... Chinese history is very interesting. In western movies you don't get to see very much about China... It's also interesting to see what the directors' thinking behind these (movies)... I saw *Shower* in New Zealand before we came. We like that one."

- Wayne Farmer

him for help. Primont gladly agreed. "I was very interested because it was something new. I didn't know anything about Chinese films back then," Primont recalls, adding that the only Chinese movie he had seen prior to his arrival here was *Raise the Red Lantern*.

A year later, the woman left China, leaving Primont to carry on alone. He says nowadays, the only difficulty he experiences is finding good movies with English subtitles.

According to Primont, foreigners like the films on three levels - to watch good movies, to practice their Chinese by listening and seeing the translation in subtitles, and to see places they would never know about otherwise.

Regarding Chinese films, Primont says they are often sentimental and bring the audience to tears. "Chinese films are a little bit like Chinese food; pungent and spicy," says he.

"I often hear Chinese people say, oh, foreigners only like to see the broken down side of China. That's not true. We foreigners want to see what life is here, the intimate life, from the inside, and one way to see the inside is through the eyes of film directors."

For movie schedules, check the movie column on our Info page (page 15).



About 200 foreigners come along to each screening

Photos by Qiu Binbin

School Sued in Privacy Case

By Su Wei

A 16-year-old boarder at Beijing 21st Experimental School, together with her parents, recently made a claim in the Haidian District Court against her school for damages amounting to more than 860,000 yuan.

According to the girl's parents, their daughter Liu often corresponded with a young Arabian man who studies in Lanzhou, Gansu province.

At the end of March this year, she asked her teacher to send a letter for her to the friend. There is no mailbox in the school and boarding students are not allowed to leave the school during the week.

However Liu subsequently didn't get a response from her friend, and Liu guessed that her

teacher might have confiscated the letter.

Fearing that the teacher might read the letter in front of her classmates or give it to her parents, she ran away from school and took a plane to Lanzhou the following day.

Three days later, Liu's teacher phoned her parents and told them she was missing.

When the parents went to the school, he met them and showed them the letter, from which they learned Liu's whereabouts. They promptly flew to Lanzhou where they eventually found their daughter.

However back to Beijing, suffering from a loss of self-esteem, Liu changed totally. She stayed at home all day and refused to eat or drink.

The parents insist that the boarding school should be responsible for students when they are at school. Furthermore, opening Liu's letter was an invasion of her privacy.

Meanwhile Liu's teacher and the school presented a different version of the incident.

The teacher insists that he forgot to send the letter and opened it only to discover Liu's whereabouts after she went missing.

The school maintains that they are not responsible for Liu's running away, and say the letter was opened after she ran away. In their view, Liu should be held responsible for anything resulting from her own misconduct, and therefore refuse to pay any compensation.

More Qualified for Entry to WTO

By Su Wei

83,000 civil servants will undergo training programs and exams on WTO knowledge at the end of this month, says the Beijing Personnel Bureau.

A number of domestic experts have been invited to compile the teaching materials for the Seminars on the Fundamental Knowledge on Entry to WTO — Opportunity & Challenge. The emphasis of the training will be on application on international trade in goods and services, intellectual patents and anti-dumping.

Civil servants in different sectors such as trade and culture will participate in different training programs.

Meanwhile, 99,000 civil servants are required to undertake English training, computer-aided administration and a computer qualification exams in the near future.

Bird of Prey Help Center Established

By Su Wei

The first Bird of Prey Help Center in China has been established at Beijing Normal University. It is the first time that US and Chinese specialists have cooperated to save the lives of injured rare birds of prey.

According to wild life specialists, Beijing is on the migration route of many rare birds, some of which are caught by bird traders, lured by the prospect of large profits. Often these birds are injured by the traps used by the illegal traders, and until now, they had little prospect of receiving timely medical treatment.

The newly established center will adopt advanced scientific techniques to help, cure and return the injured birds of prey to the wild.

Recently two groups of Chinese specialists visited help centers in California, where they studied such techniques with American wild life specialists.



The winning designers

Photo by Zhang Tong

Children Dream up Cars of the Future

By Sun Ming

What will the cars of the future look like? Will they differ from the current models?

More than 2,000 primary school students have presented their ideas for cars in a painting competition held by Toyota and Beijing Children's Weekly.

In these children's minds, cars of the future will fly through outer space, 'swim' in the sea, and even can be carried like a suitcase. The imagination of the participating children has gone far beyond the expectation of the organizers.

According to the manager of Toyota in China, he will bring the fancy paintings back for "research". Perhaps, these imaginary cars will actually appear in the future.



Photo by Shang Hua

Bird Linguist

By Chen Ying

Some foreign visitors have fun learning Mandarin from a parrot. Under its patient tutoring, they finally mastered the correct pronunciation.

The photo was taken in a garden in Changchun Street.

According to its elderly owner, the smart fellow, named Liaoge, has acquired quite an extensive vocabulary in just two years. "Little boy sits in the doorway, thinking of his intended bride" is his favorite line.

By Sun Ming
The defendant of the first euthanasia case in Shanghai has been sentenced to five years.

Liang Wanshan, 67, lived with his 92-year-old mother Zhang Xi-uying. But on April 8 this year, his mother collapsed unconscious at home. After more than 50 days' hospital treatment, Zhang could still not eat, speak or move her body. She was diagnosed as having suffered a serious cerebral hemorrhage, with no chance of recovery.

Liang, a bachelor, nevertheless devoted nearly all his energy and money to a recovery. He persisted in caring for his mother at hospital. Each day as he helped to turn over his mother's body, he watched her grimace.

It was during this process of attending to his mother, Liang first had the idea of euthanasia. He said he wanted to stop his mother's suffering and also to reduce his own burden. With the permission of doctors, Liang took his mother home on May 30. On the second morning, he electrocuted his mother to death. After several attempts at suicide, Liang handed himself over to the police.

Chinese law does not permit euthanasia and so according to the law, Liang should be sentenced for murder. Taking into consideration Liang's previous sound care for his mother and his surrender to the police, the court sentenced him to 5 years' imprisonment.

The case has attracted many different opinions:

Zhang Lijian, vice director, surgery department, Beijing Cancer Hospital

I strongly disagree with Liang's action. He should be

Mercy or Murder?

Shanghai man executes long-suffering mother

sentenced. I don't want to say more about euthanasia. What I want to say is alleviative treatment should only be targeted at hopeless cases. As a passive therapy, alleviative treatment means doctors will not provide these patients with any more medicine as it's no longer useful, but will give them tranquilizers to relieve their pain.

We hope these patients can live without pain. It's more important for these hopeless cases to enjoy a higher quality of life, not just a lengthening of their life. Certainly, alleviative treatment should be permitted by patients and their relatives. I have to indicate alleviative treatments are not euthanasia, but a kind of passive therapy.

Yuan Chongguan, a doctor, post Ph.D., Third Military Medical University

I often talk about euthanasia with my colleague. We also have different opinions, but most of us don't think that euthanasia should be absolutely forbidden. As a doctor, I often face patients with an incurable disease. It is agony for them to live because they have to endure desperate pain every day. And to cure them, their relatives have to spend large amounts of money and energy. Knowing the impossibility of recovery, some patients ask us doctors to stop treatment. At this time, what we can do is to adopt alleviative treatment.

But some patients dog-

gedly seek euthanasia as they want to die quickly. They don't want to add burden to their relatives any more. Even though I basically agree with euthanasia, I have to indicate that the adoption of euthanasia would result in the reduction of valuable clinical experience for us doctors. That's a disadvantage to the development of medicine.

Liu Huiping, lawyer, China University of Political Science and Law

Euthanasia is an issue that refers to the existence rights of a person. Up to now, a law hasn't appeared in China and only Holland has passed such a euthanasia law. As for me, I back eu-

thanasia. If hopeless cases require euthanasia and it is applied on an individual basis, doctors shouldn't refuse. We should make a law to establish the legality of euthanasia because people have the right to finish their own lives.

Zhang Jianhua, lawyer, Xin Yuan Law Office

It's very cruel of Liang to kill his mother with electricity. What Liang did can't be seen as euthanasia. I don't think it's time to make laws about euthanasia in China. We haven't established relevant regulations about euthanasia, which need popular debate and practical investigation. Many other more important and more

urgent laws need to be made, not euthanasia.

Chen Yiyun, researcher, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

I don't think this is a euthanasia case. What Liang did to his mother is murder. He didn't ask her permission and the method he adopted is very brutal.

As to euthanasia, I basically disagree with it. Because of some backward people in our society and other causes, it's too early to talk about euthanasia today in China. For example, some people with hidden intentions are likely to make use of euthanasia to kill their relatives for property. Even if we one day adopt euthanasia, hospitals should only accept the dependents' permission after permission from the patients themselves. The relatives themselves shouldn't haven't the right to perform it.

Kun Fei, editor, declined to name publication

My mother died of rectum cancer in 1992. She had to endure the incurable disease for five years until her death. Facing disaster, the first idea that flashed in my mind was to try our best to save her life from the evil of cancer.

I deeply loved my mother. Hoping to save her, I spent nearly all my savings, even though there was not one sign of improvement. However, gradually, I wished my mother could be euthanized. She suffered such horrible pain, especially in the two months before her death. The pain made her cry irrepressibly. Every time I heard the cry, I felt extremely bitter. It's a feeling I shall carry forever in my heart that my mother died in agony.

SOUND BITES

"Martin McGuinness and I have held discussions with the IRA and we have put to the IRA the view that if it could make a ground breaking move on the arms issue this could save the peace process from collapse."

—Gerry Adams, president, Sinn Fein

"We are just trying to make sure people understand that if there is any risk ...we would rather err on the side of over-reacting ... because we don't have a whole lot of time with inhalational anthrax. But if you see anything that has any dust or pollen that is suspicious, the first thing you do is set the letter aside, go wash with hot water and soap."

—Tommy Thompson, US Health and Human Services Secretary

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—Marc Klee, portfolio manager, John Hancock Technology Fund, after Dell Computer and data-storage systems maker EMC announced their cooperation on mid-range storage machines

By Chen Ying

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By Chen Ying

A mobile blood donation vehicle has been set up on the campus of Northern Jiaotong University since September 28, allowing students to participate in voluntary blood donation without leaving the campus. So many students gathered on the front of the vehicle on the first day that the Beijing Red Cross had to send another vehicle.

Blood Is Always Hot

Positive situation in some cities

Voluntary blood donation has attracted more and more attention in China since the government published the Blood Donation Law on October 1st, 1998. Great progress has been achieved since that time. In many cities, such as Shenzhen, Qingdao, Zunyi, Harbin and Xi'an, all voluntary blood donation now takes place in such mobile blood donating vehicles.

Before the 1980s, government blood collecting stations and individual paid blood donations were the major two sources of blood collection in China. Since the beginning of 1980s, the government has introduced a series of policies to attract more people to donate blood, such as offering paid vacations etc.

But many people remained reluctant to donate blood. Irrational fears and superstitions about giving ones blood still held sway over many people. To keep in step with developed countries, and promote the concept of blood donation, the government set down the Blood Donation Law of the PRC.

In many cities these days, it's common to see and hear reports about voluntary blood donation in all kinds of media. People are beginning to accept the new idea, and gradually coming to understand the importance of voluntary blood donation.

More opportunities for voluntary blood donation

In Beijing, the number of people donating blood at mobile vehicles has increased almost twenty-fold in the period from January to September this year, compared with the same period last year, according to the Beijing Blood Donation Office.

There are currently more than 20 blood donation vehicles working in the

streets of Beijing from 10a.m. to 6p.m. every day except Mondays and holidays.

Promotion of voluntary blood donation

To encourage voluntary blood donations, the Beijing Blood Donation Office has issued 500 videocassettes and 100 thousand VCDs, and more than 20 professionals have been invited to give lectures which are broadcast on TV and radio.

An information hotline has been set up (8008107878), and people can also get information through the Internet, at www.bjxxw.com/shouye/index.htm. Advertising has been put on 100 buses, on 23 routes in Beijing.

The amount of blood collected by the mobile blood donation vehicles amounts to nearly forty percent of the total collected in Beijing, the rest comes from various companies and administrations.

It's well known that Beijing has 13.1 million citizens. There are more than 400 hospitals in Beijing that use more than 300 thousand units of blood (equivalent to 60 tons) every year, so it's vital to raise the public's awareness about the importance of voluntary blood donations.

Problems still to tackle

More males than females give blood at the mobile donation centers, according to the Beijing Red Cross Blood Center. And people aged 18 to 30 accounted for 86% of the total donors between January and June. Workers and students are the main donors. How to adapt methods to attract other sections of society is a key point to be solved in the future.

According to Beijing Red Cross Blood

Center, the quantity of blood donated is also different for different places and different times. It will be more convenient for donors if the blood donation vehicles can be found in busy areas, such as business and commercial districts.

Increasing voluntary blood donations depends on two important conditions

The first is the administration must provide the most convenient, considerate and comfortable atmosphere for donors to give blood. The second is the developing policies to encourage donations.

For the latter, although the government has already issued a series of policies, they still need to be modified and improved.

For the former, the administration should set up fixed and mobile donation points, taking into consideration such factors as how busy various locations are, the social level of the place and so on, while increasing the use of mobile vehicles during major activities and national holidays.

Setting up fixed donation points in key business districts is one of the most effective methods, as can be seen from the experience of foreign countries.

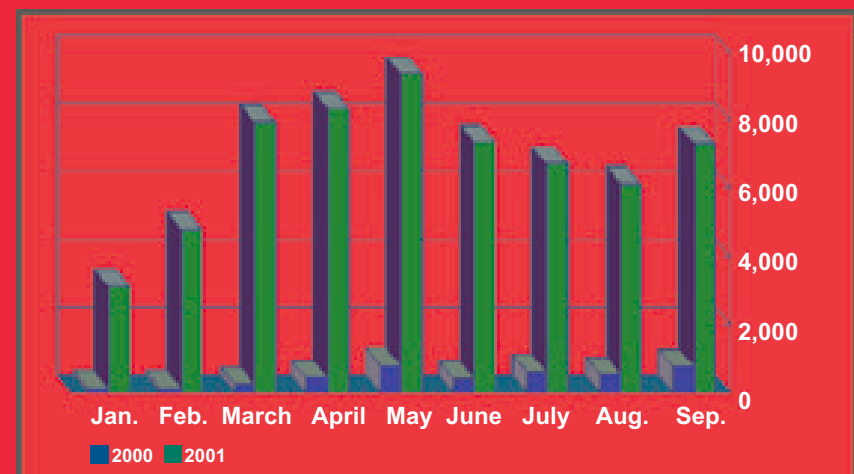
Conclusion

First the actual collection work should be improved in both extent and depth, and needs to be more professional than ever. Second, although there are some policies already set for voluntary blood donation, these need to be polished and expanded.

Third the hardware used for blood collecting should be improved. The quality standard of blood collection should follow international standards, and this needs to be achieved quickly.



Pu Cunxi, a famous movie star donates blood in a mobile donation vehicle at the Beijing Working People's Cultural Palace



The quantity of blood donated from January to September of this year increased twenty-fold over the same period last year

Outdoor Therapy for Mental Illness Sufferers

By Su Wei

Is it possible for patients suffering mental illnesses to live outside of a hospital? Are they willing to undergo therapy outside the hospital environment? What does such 'open' therapy involve? Recently the Institute of Mental Health at Beijing University began a cooperative program with Daxing Psychiatric Hospital to carry out agricultural-work therapy at the Daxing District Mental Recovery Base.

Good for patients to return to society

Yao Guizhong, Associated Professor of the Institute said even a healthy person would have some problems communicating with others after having lived in closed environment for a long time.

Therefore, it is to be expected that people suffering from mental illnesses would become less capable of getting on with others after spending a prolonged period in a psychiatric institution.

"In hospital, everything for the patients has been arranged by doctors and nurses. Patients are never given the opportunity to think about having a normal life after their recovery."

It has been shown that after the hospital treatment, patients have problems in dealing with life in the real world. Such deterioration hinders their return to a normal social life after recovery.

Peng, brother of a 28 female patient, said his family had no real hope that his sister would ever really understand what his family had done for her, or would be capable of learning any skill, as a means of earning a living.

"Life for my sister is just eat and sleep. We just hope after her treatment at the recovery base, she will be capable of taking care of herself, such as being able to dress and wash herself."

However, he said they would be re-



Patients play cards in the Base

Photos by Su Wei

lieved if she really regained an interest in life and could work in some welfare factories that might be willing to accept recovered mental patients.

It is expected after the agricultural-work therapy, patients will be better adapted to social life, in terms of simple communication with others, shopping, cooking and cleaning independently.

Patients like the base

Some patients said they liked it here, because of the beautiful environment. "I like it here. I have never seen a fountain in a hospital," one of the patients said. "The fountain is beautiful!" Another added.

Some patients said they liked it because they were able to work. "Sometimes we are organized to pull up weeds. I like doing that," Zhao, a 56-year-old patient said. Another patient, Zhang, said, "Since I came here, I have worked in the laundry room. I like working in the laun-

dry room."

Some of the patients said they liked the base because they could chat and take part in some activities together with the doctors and nurses.

A young female patient said she was happy to be able to participate in performances with the doctors or nurses during festivals and share some work. "We can grow vegetables not only with the technicians in the base." She said proudly.

Therapy not suitable for all patients

There is more risk for mental patients living in an open area, and doctors and nurses are required to exercise more care in choosing patients who are suitable for open therapy. Therefore, they have to undertake more responsibilities in looking after the patients in the open environment.

Patients with acute or chronic schizo-

phrenia, people with certain psychological problems and the aged, so long as they are not suffering from advanced Alzheimer's Disease, are considered suitable to undergo open therapy.

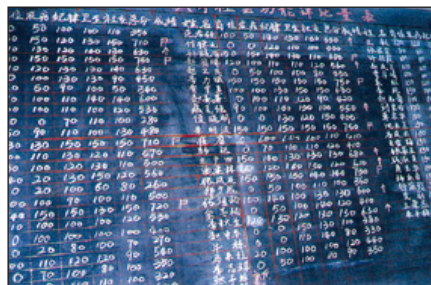
Those patients who exhibit tendencies to injure themselves, suffering from mania or depression are not suited to living in an open environment.

Awards encourage patients to interact with others

Almost every month, all the patients sit together with doctors and nurses in the multi-function room to assess their fellows' performance.

A performance assessment sheet on the back wall of the room keeps a record of the patient's daily performance. It covers personal duty, discipline, personal health, social intercourse and so on. The patient with the highest mark each month is awarded a flag on the sheet and also a small cash prize.

Some patients, especially those with comparatively slight symptoms, are giv-



Scores of daily life arise patients' stamina

en specific chores, such as feeding chickens, pigeons, pheasants and so on, while others help the staff deliver meals.

All the patients are responsible for washing and keeping their own tableware. Furthermore, all patients are responsible for sweeping the floor and yard,

and are organized to do agricultural field-work.

For entertainment, patients can play Chinese chess, cards or billiards and watch TV. During weekends, they are organized into groups to play basketball or perform karaoke.

Work and entertainment are beneficial to the patient's state of health. It leads them to be more willing to talk with others and capable of cooperating with each other, and also helps them develop a greater sense of responsibility.

A number of the patients were keen to talk with the reporter, and asked to have their photo taken with the nurses.

Still to be improved

"In the evening, patients have nothing to do but watch TV. It really is a waste of time," Professor Yao said.

However he added that in the future, activities such as reading and discussion will be held, as a means of enhancing their ability in reading and communication."

Such activities are not only easy to be organized but also can help patients become more skilled in expressing their opinions to others, another important factor in social intercourse.

At the moment, a project to raise animals is under discussion. It is expected such therapy, accompanied with reading and agricultural-work therapy will benefit more patients. Also a number of people specializing in visual and performing arts have agreed to carry out voluntary work at the base.

Yao further expressed his belief that in the future, patients would be given more responsibilities, such as in running the store at the base and managing their own money, and said there would be no obvious distinctions between the uniforms of the patients and staff.

Small Companies Big Thinking

Hottest Up & Comers

A'S 200 BEST SMALL COMPANIES



29 Chinese companies rank on Forbes' 2001 International 200 Small Best Companies, 23 more than last year

Forbes International 200 Small Best Companies									
COMPANY/COUNTRY/BUSINESS									
Challenge 1st	financial services	1.11	17.1	20.3	6.7	169.2	NA	90.3	5.4
Challenge 2nd	financial services	1.45	4.4	1.4	1.8	35.2	158.7	225.5	79.7
Challenge 3rd	healthcare	23.95	45.9	44.4	11.1	63.4	30.4	182.4	15.9
Challenge 4th	financial services	19.63	24.4	5.4	4.5	25.4	25.7	164.6	28.0
Challenge 5th	business services	1.36	17.6	13.1	0.4	51.6	NA	242.3	4.9
Challenge 6th	internet software	13.40	27.9	3.2	2.8	18.8	NA	170.1	-2.9
Challenge 7th	packaged software	1.78	54.7	5.2	5.9	9.6	NA	183.0	19.2
Challenge 8th	agricultural commodities	0.28	4.4	NA	17.5	139.2	NA	95.8	5.1
Challenge 9th	industrial specialties	0.24	5.0	2.4	1.9	34.9	NA	71.6	10.1
Challenge 10th	real estate	1.70	NA	3.1	2.5	12.3	22.5	467.4	37.4
Challenge 11th	television equipment	2.41	45.9	4.1	3.5	10.8	NA	257.5	21.9
Challenge 12th	agricultural	0.10	6.1	NA	NA	112.7	NA	72.0	22.1
Challenge 13th	agricultural commodities	0.25	5.0	NA	1.5	92.5	NA	155.0	29.5
Challenge 14th	refrigeration services	0.35	9.7	2.6	7.2	35.2	NA	43.9	32.5
Challenge 15th	film products	1.73	22.3	4.9	5.4	29.9	NA	91.1	25.0
Challenge 16th	cable/satellite tv	0.10	20.0	4.3	6.3	NA	NA	91.5	5.9
Challenge 17th	television	0.01	5.0	2.9	5.1	18.8	NA	12.3	-10.1
Challenge 18th	internet services	15.97	29.0	3.4	3.4	9.3	NA	353.7	27.0
Challenge 19th	energy	0.05	7.8	7.4	5.3	50.0	NA	26.9	5.5
Challenge 20th	energy	0.27	11.5	NA	7.5	NA	NA	84.8	4.5
Challenge 21st	consumer sundries	0.17	3.5	1.9	0.8	31.4	25.5	77.3	15.5
Challenge 22nd	restaurants	0.59	5.1	2.1	1.0	21.9	19.1	325.7	32.5
Challenge 23rd	apparel/shoes/retail	0.44	9.1	3.2	1.4	31.4	135.1	459.9	53.3
Challenge 24th	business services	3.60	57.1	12.2	0.9	18.8	NA	105.2	-18.2
Challenge 25th	pulp & paper	0.37	4.9	1.2	0.9	29.8	12.8	230.0	35.1

The latest edition of Forbes magazine (10/29/2001) features a list of International 200 Small Best Companies, among which 29 businesses are from China. The domestically well-known brands such as real estate company Vanke, Datang Telecom, Lucky Film as well as Phoenix Satellite and Sun Television are recognized as being among the best small companies in the world.

More than 20,000 publicly listed companies meet Forbes' definition of small: less than \$500 million in sales in the most recent fiscal reporting period. Companies on the list passed rigorous screening for profitability, earnings and sales growth. Fund managers, analysts and other industry watchers were consulted to identify those companies with short operating histories but promising futures.

The result shows that a big gap still exists between Chinese companies and global ones. Even Vanke, a household name in China and a flagship of Chinese business, is grouped with the "small" companies when evaluated from international perspective, even though it has annual sales of \$447 million.

The reaction from Chinese

business to the list was measured. Business people see the list as serving two purposes - to provide data for academic research, and supply information to investors. In addition, it gives Chinese businesses a clear-cut understanding of their position in the global arena.

"It's good news. No matter which companies are selected, the most important thing is China has caught the attention of the world," Liang Yanzhen, an employee of Konka Group, one of the biggest electronics manufacturers in China, said, "Chinese business has gradually come into the spotlight of the world. More than 160 global corporations of the world's 500 top companies have set up operation in Shanghai."

The recently concluded APEC meetings in Shanghai have also captured the world's attention. The APEC CEO Summit 2001 demonstrates that large international companies are paying more and more attention to the potential Chinese market. Many of the world's top high-tech companies are sparing no effort to increase investment in China with an aim to securing a firm footing after China enters WTO.

Facing the fierce competition, Chinese enterprises that are rel-

atively inactive in the international market have to figure out a way to deal with the pressure and challenges. But how?

Lu Tong, Director of World Economy and Political Sciences at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, claimed that the key is to increase the competitiveness of Chinese companies. Take Vanke as an example, its annual growth rate of sales has reached 30% to 40%, which is very impressive. Currently, the strength of many domestic companies still lie in the manufacturing industry, including electronic products, clothes and consumer goods, similar to the situation in Japan and Britain some years ago.

From the long-term perspective, to develop high-tech plays a significant role in business and industrial growth.

Haier, the largest domestic manufacturer in household electronics, has grown into a large international company. Just two months ago, Forbes publicized the rankings of international kitchen electrical appliance vendors based on sales volume and market share. Haier ranks sixth with a global market share of 2.8% following Whirlpool, Electrolux, General Electric, Bosch-Siemens Hausgerate and Samsung Electronics.

"We should not limit ourselves to our strengths," Zhang Ruimin, President of Haier noted, "We have to focus on R&D and make inroads in other emerging industries. Otherwise, it will be hard to maintain our leading position." In fact, Haier has already displayed great strength in developing functions and technologies for household products. In 1998, Haier marched into the IT sector and adopted a strategy of integrating household electronics with IT products. Its "E-Family" is a good example.

This summer, when many PC vendors were pursuing the liquid crystal screen trend and busy with price cuts of Pentium 4, Haier began to market its multifunctional PC which combines P4 video and audio technology with household electronics features, making it a great hit in the market.

From this it can be seen that the strength of Chinese companies goes far beyond the manufacturing industry. With China's entry into the WTO set for the 4th Ministerial Conference in Doha in November, its market will present multiple edges, while every business will have to follow the international "rules of the game" in the ensuing competition.

Ancient Beijing Through a French Photographer's Eyes

By Su Wei

Albert Kahn is riding towards us on a donkey, accompanied by a peasant woman and a teenage boy. There is a village in the distance, and everything in the photograph speaks to us of the world as it was 90 years ago.

"The Permanent Illusion", a photo show in the Capital Museum (Confucius Temple), gives us the opportunity to witness life in Beijing in the early 1900s. The 81 photos on show are part of an extraordinary project, titled Archives of the Planet, instigated by Albert Kahn, a French banker.

Kahn considered photography a medium ideally suited to revealing and recording a disappearing world. "Through photographs, people can know what happened in the past and what is happening now. Therefore, as still existing evidence, they can continually present the essence of evolution."

Kahn organized 11 photog-

raphers to travel to more than 50 countries from 1901 to 1931. They took some 72,000 autochrome color plates, one of the first commercial color photographic processes and over 4,000 black-and-white photographs. Those photos have become valuable historical records and have helped various countries recognize their different realities and cooperate with each other in human society's development



Kahn's photographers came to China in 1909 and again in 1912-1913. Aware of the great changes taking place in China at that time, he was afraid that some things would disappear completely. He asked photographer Stephan Passet to arrange their itinerary to include Qufu in Shandong Province, the birthplace of Confucius, Mount Tai, Beijing and Shenyang, places regarded as the symbols of Chinese culture and thought.

In order to make a more detailed record of the cultural her-



itage and various local customs, they also went to Harbin and Shanghai. They took over 2,000 photos taken in China, including more than 600 in color, as well as a one-hour long movie.

Unfortunately Kahn and his group did not enter the Forbidden City, which was not opened until 1914, however they took more than 800 photos in Beijing, paying particular attention to the layout of the city, modes of transportation, styles of dress, shops, peddlers, decoration and entertainment. It is fascinating to look at the photos taken 90 years ago of the Confucius Museum, the site of the current exhibition.

The carefully selected 81 photos comprising the exhibition include over 20 color photos and 53 3D black-and-white photos. Using the special 3D glasses provided by the museum, visitors can enjoy a vivid look at life as it was in the early days of the Republic of China. All the photos have been developed direct-

ly from the original negatives kept in the Albert Kahn Museum, France.

There are images of peddlers with wheelbarrows, camel-trains coming and going through the ancient Guanmen and Yongdingmen gates, young Manchu ladies wearing boat shaped sole shoes, chatting or sitting in front of stalls, young men with oilpaper umbrellas and many more.

No detail was too ordinary for Kahn and his photographers. They sought out and captured on film people involved in every day activities, as well as special occasions and seasons, such as people sledding on the city moat in winter, tasting traditional snacks at the temple fair at Banyuanguan during the Spring Festival, and enjoying the lotus blossoms on Shichahai (Shicha Lake) in summer.

The photos are both a reflection of Beijing's ancient culture and traditions, and an important historical resource for the study of the history and development of the Chinese capital.

- 1 People sledding on the city moat in winter
- 2 Manchu lady wearing boat shaped sole shoes in front of a shoe stall
- 3 Peddler with wheelbarrow
- 4 Young man with oilpaper umbrella
- 5 Porters on Badaling Great Wall

Photos provided by Albert Kahn Museum



Shaping Dreams on Paper and Film

By Shi Xinyu

Music leisurely hummed in the quiet 'Loft' bar on a mild autumn afternoon. A cup lay on a table, some brown marks implying it used to be full of coffee. "I have been here for an hour. Quite a long way from my place, so I came out a little bit earlier," a slight smile lit up her young face, "maybe too early."

With long, straight hair, buff-colored loose sweater and a scrupulously washed jean skirt, Guo Xiaolu would be inconspicuous among passersby in the street. Coming closer, the blue pendant with mysterious patterns on her necklace, the exaggeratedly large silver earrings, and the glaring ring shaped in five petals reveal her special nature.

Guo Xiaolu was born in the early 70s, is presently a lecturer at the Beijing Broadcasting Institute, as well as an author of 4 books published since 2000 and screenwriter with many national awards.

Winning Over Her Students

"I want to win all students' hearts on my course," said Xiaolu, sounding like an actress dreaming of attracting all the audience in a theater. No reciting of stark, textbook theories, no suffering of sudden quizzes, no bothering with roll calls, she just shares her opinions with her students. Her unconventional teaching methods bring at least 60 zesty young people crowding into a classroom originally meant for 40 students in a "TV Screenwriting" course every Tuesday afternoon.

There were of course some students who would give Xiaolu plenty of challenges at first. A young man, tall, thin and silent, used to be in her sophomore screenwriting class last year. He always sat right at the back and buried his face in the desk. He never talked to others and 'shit' was almost the only word he spoke out in class, usually only to himself. That was his comment for either Stanley Kubrick or Alfred Hitchcock or anyone else Xiaolu mentioned as masters.

Xiaolu did not bother preaching this guy who was obviously still enraptured in adolescent rebellion, and harbored a natural antipathy against any recognized master or masterpiece. Instead, she observed him closely by secretly standing behind him during film showings. She got no

response, "I know he felt me there with attentions on him. That was like a matching of mental strength."

One day the final encounter came. Xiaolu found the boy's eyes were on some novel in his lap. So she stood against the wall behind the boy but without glancing at him. About 10 minutes later, the boy began to feel uneasy, and after some disturbing sounds of ruffling pages, he raised his head and looked back. 'Can you lend me that novel?' Xiaolu asked him. He handed it over with no hesitation, with the hint of a sneer in



his eyes. He was expecting another 'stupid sermon' as usual, but Xiaolu did nothing and began to read the novel. Then in next few minutes, the young man turned around several times, and tried to have a nap slumped over the desk. He could not pretend to stay calm any more. "This time I got him pretty stressed," explained Xiaolu with the laugh of a victor. Finally he gave in and set his eyes on the TV screen, where a Hitchcock movie was showing. Then little by little, the boy became enthralled by that master of suspense, and no longer rejected the classics.

At the end of that semester, the boy gave Xiaolu a big surprise in his final paper - a scenario of a Kung-fu story. The main charac-



ter was named "Guo Xiaolu", firstly appeared as a teenage servant boy of Wang Kar-wai, who was the hero in the story. At the end, Guo Xiaolu grew up, defeated all the bad guys, and took the place of Wang Kar-wai to lead the whole of Wulin. "That is so crazy - I was deeply moved," recalled Guo.

'Simone de Beauvoir' On Campus

Xiaolu was born in the most eastern part of China, in a little town by the seaside - Rocky Pond Town of Wenling City in Zhejiang Province. And so comes her name Xiaolu, meaning 'small scull'. At that time she was an isolated girl crazy about literature.

"I, aged 17, I sneer at, I hate, but I praise the dark of death..." Xiaolu cites bits of her poems she found a couple of days ago in some old anthologies published in the late 1980s. "I do not even dare to recognize that this crazy and desperate girl was me!" She confessed with a faint smile showing her thoughts were drifting back to those faraway days.

Because of political reasons, her father was expelled from home in the Cultural Revolution, then Xiaolu was 'abandoned' to her old grandma in a poor fishing village, and never saw her parents before she was eight. As a child, she was "dirty, gauche, self-indulgent and full of hate for family." As she went over these memories, Xiaolu crossed her arms as if she wanted to hold herself. Then after being taken back home at 8, she contradicted her parents on everything. She took it as revenge and hit all their

love back with more hate.

Playing truant at school, escaping from home at night and even once falling in love with a teacher in high school... All those excessive things still could not exhaust her enthusiasm, and she began to write poems and essays in a very black mood.

Encouraged by the idea of leaving her family as far behind as possible, and after going through the tough national university entrance examination 3 times, at the age of 19, Xiaolu began her 7 years campus life in Beijing Film Academy majoring in screenwriting and film theory.

Lonely, nervous, gloomy, hard to get on with and having no friends other than a lover on the verge of separating: that is Xiaolu's description of her first few years in Beijing. All her concentration was focused on things movie-related. The only reason that could propel her into the streets was hunting for a book, but not lipstick or a skirt.

Once in "Pyramid", the school magazine, Xiaolu was called "Simone de Beauvoir on campus" and which flattered her. "I had a boyfriend in the first year, he was tall, thin and silent, looking like a young French trend-setter. And we used to have a lot in common, especially the madness for movies and theories. You know what my classmates said about us?" Xiaolu cannot help laughing out, "They said we were a couple of ding-a-lings and the language of our conversations did not sound human!"

Grown up as a sensitive, sharp and serious-minded girl, Xiaolu now maintains a calm outlook on life, sometimes feeling older than her actual years.

'Who Is My Mother's Boyfriend?'

'Who Is My Mother's Boyfriend?' is a question that greatly disturbed Lin Miaomiao, a 16 year-old girl in one of Xiaolu's screen scripts going by the same name. Lin Miaomiao is a natural-born rebel. In her eyes, her mother, a pretty and outstanding designer, is the most perfect woman in the world while her father, a short and fat cook who also often quotes strange old sayings, is

the coarsest man. And she always doubts if that man is her real biological father. Once she discovered an old letter addressed to her mother from a man who was her mother's boyfriend almost twenty years ago. Then the girl set off by herself to find the man that fulfills all her dreams of a genuine father. On the road, she missed the train in an unknown station and all her belongings were lost apart from a 100 yuan bill. Roaming from one little town to another, the girl arrived at her destination: the house her mother's boyfriend lives in. But finally she gives up the idea of meeting with that man. The experiences she meets on the road allow her to realize what she really wants, so she calmly returns to her former life.

Lin Miaomiao is Xiaolu's favorite character in all her writings because she copied the most important features from Xiaolu herself. Just as Xiaolu said, sometimes she felt she was that little girl, obstinate, audacious and having many dreams. "Some of those dreams have come true, some are still in my heart, and I will always be on the way to finding out something."

"I think continuing to write and doing things related to movies will be the eternal theme running through my life," said Guo Xiaolu. Switching freely between the two media, Xiaolu records her happiness, her sorrows, her thoughts and her feelings in all her work of art. "I have had so many ways to express myself, the articles, the novels, the movies. And I am not as lonely as before because I also have my students. I think I am a lucky woman now."

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① Under the post of "Love in Net Age", the film brings her many national awards on screen-writings

② Around with her books and disks.

③ In working

④ Lecturing to sophomore students

Photos by Cui Jun



Artifacts Ready for Autumn Hammer



No. V of the shadow series by Luo Xiaoping (1960-)

By Miao Yajie

With the China Guardian 2001 Autumn Auction raising its hammer on November 4 to 5 at the Kunlun Hotel, Beijing will kick off its autumn auction season, which will continue for the following three months.

The important part of the Guardian's auction, Chinese paintings and calligraphy, will be divided into four sales, offering more than 800 items from ancient and contemporary masters of art. The total estimated value is placed at over



Red fiscal stamp with value of 4 cents, postmarked with 'Shanghai, 25 Jun, 1897', the earliest usage of the stamp known so far

50 million yuan.

The sale of Chinese Classic Paintings and Calligraphy will offer one of the best and largest selections in Guardian's history. Over 260 works of art come from great masters, including Dong Qichang (1555-1636), whose style had a profound influence over the whole Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), and Chen Laolian (1598-1652), one of the leading masters of his time. The items to be auctioned hold special value, as genuine classical artworks



Xuande ware of the Ming Dynasty, blue and white bowl with interlocking floral design

are becoming more difficult to find these days.

The other two sales are flow-back paintings from overseas. The Thio Collection of Selected Works of Fu Baoshi at last year's autumn auction achieved a transaction rate of over 90%. This year, the senior collector from Singapore entrusted Guardian with the second part of his treasured collection. There will be 64 works collected from the 1970s, all from the painter or his relatives. Meanwhile of the more than 90 lots of the Tianxinlou Collection, most were included in the painters' published albums.

Blue and white and famille rose wares are two genres in great demand in recent years: accordingly prices have surged reflecting the demand. One of the significant items in the Ceramics, Furniture, and Works of Art is a rare, fine blue and white bowl from the Xuande period (1426-1435) of the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), lot 1022, with estimated price ranges from 1.8 million to 2.2 million yuan: the quality and

price are Guardian's best ever. Lot 1119, a fine famille rose bowl from the Yongzheng period (1723-1735) of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), is an exquisite example of royal enamelware. Its estimated price is from 1.2 million to 1.5 million yuan, which is also the record price of famille rose wares domestically. There is still room for revaluing, according to Guardian.

Worth mentioning in the Chinese Oil Paintings and Sculptures special auction is six pieces of contemporary pottery. It's for the first time in China's auction history that contemporary pottery goes under the proverbial hammer.

"We want to remind collectors that there is such a category of fine art worth their focus," said Song Xinghui from Guardian's Chinese Oil Painting and Sculpture department. The six



Rhinoceros horn cup with interlaced hydra design, early Qing Dynasty (1644-1911)

ceramicists including Luo Xiaoping, Bai Ming, Bai Lei, Xia Dewu, Liu Zheng, Zuo Zhengyao are activists in the concept of new pottery, each of whom majored in pottery and owns his own workshop. "Guardian's base prices are lower than the current market price for the six works,"



Bamboo and Stone by Zheng Banqiao (1693-1765)

according to Song.

Besides the aforementioned, the Rare Books and the Coin and Stamps sales both include rare items in excellent condition for different buyers.

Apart from Guardian, at the beginning of November, Pacific Auction and Wan Long Auction will also join the first round of auctions at the King Wing Hotel and Paragon Hotel respectively.

Pacific and Wan Long, smaller than Guardian in size, each has its special features to serve buyers of different levels. Pacific presents four auctions including one exclusively for jewels. The focus of Wan Long is their 400 lots of Rare Books.

The several thousands of items provide an excellent opportunity for collectors and art lovers to deepen their appreciation levels. For those frequent customers of the Panjiayuan Flea Market, and the Curio City nearby, to saunter over these elaborate 'ashes of time', the enjoyment is in no way less than that felt from bidding at the auctions.

Precious Brick Masquerades as Dinner Table

By Zhu Lin

"The floor of the emperor's palace is paved with golden bricks," said the ancient Chinese legend. But few people know exactly what the golden bricks look like. Seventy-seven-year-old Zhao Zhen-sheng, an old Beijinger living at Dongji-aochang Lane, Dongcheng District, has used one at home in his daily life for as long as he can remember. He once used it as a dining table, but now has donated it to the Chinese Ancient Architecture Museum.

"I remember the brick at home when I was a little boy, but don't know how it got there," recalled Zhao. The relic is a cube 75cm in length, 10cm in thickness, and as black as Chinese ink. There are two lines of characters engraved on its side, indicating it was made in Suzhou during the Qing Dynasty under Emperor Jiaqing (1796-1820). Zhao's family made a wooden stand for it, and then used it just like any other common table. "We had meals and played chess on it, and even ground pencil sharpeners on its surface." After the wooden stand eventually fell apart, they put the brick to one side in the corner of the larder. Zhao says it was very moist inside, but the brick didn't go rotten or crack even slightly.

According to Dong Shaopeng, an expert in the Preservation Department of the Chinese Ancient Architecture Museum, such bricks were baked particularly for royal construction, and had to undergo a painstaking baking process. A small part of the production process was put down on record in a book written by Zhang Xiangzhi, a Qing Dynasty supervisor in charge of baking golden bricks in Suzhou. It takes almost four and a half months to cure and bake them.

The surface of the golden brick is neither slippery nor rough, and the texture is tightly composed. Houses with floors laid with such bricks are warm in winter and cool in summer.

Dong Shaopeng also confirmed that most golden bricks were made during the reign of Emperor Guangxu (1875-1908). Zhao's brick is all the more special since it was produced during the earlier reign of Emperor Jiaqing. "So it's very rare. I really wonder how it came to Zhao's home," said Dong.



The golden brick at Zhao's home

Photo by Ni Ming

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A Man, So-Called

Feng Li gained her pseudonym, Pi Pi, from a fairy-tale popular in 1920-80s. She made her debut under the label "avant-garde", and gathered the fame and fortune through several love stories, such as "Longing for Passions" and "A Woman, for Instance".

"A Man, So Called" is her newly published novel, which initially shows the humor of the famous modern female writer.

"A Man, So Called", published by Yunnan People's Publishing House, 2001, tells a story of a middle-aged man's experience in a housing distribution, which is one of the most important events in the whole life of one working for the state-run departments. Finally he lost his position and his family, but also cast off the intelligentsia's traditional thought straight-jacket and gained spiritual freedom at last.

— From the editor

When can a male be called a man?

Before today, I was a deputy magistraty of a small county, in charge of cultural and educational affairs. Now, I am walking to my new position, a superintendent of a cultural research institute.

In the street, pretty cars move slowly in queues making the street look like a large parking lot. With the smell of petrol mixed into the air, I cannot help wondering: could petrol become a component of perfumes 50 years later? Well, if perfume smelled of petrol, somebody is bound to jump up and shout: Wow, the old, vulgar industry has induced a small revolution after all!

Anyway, things 50 years in the future never excite me: I'm more into funny things in present life. For me, car owners complaining of traffic jams sound just like women moaning that high-heels hurt their feet. And I admit they both make me chuckle to myself. Actually at first I would like to make some sarcastic remarks on the subject, but once I happened to hear those car owners' comments on someone like me, and their words were sharp. So I had to shut my mouth and just chuckle secretly. They said:

"If you were not poor you could behave as a pedant. Or if you were poor, you'd better not be pedantic. And if the two things are mixed in one person, he or she would be the archenemy of our culture"

I fastened my steps rushing to my new position, just like to the sea of culture.

What would some place just dealing in cultural research be like?

Cherry Tree did not taste of cherries

This was the first meeting I presided over in our institute, and the theme was housing distribution. An old colleague told me housing distribution was something leaders were sometimes glad to do, but sometimes hate to do. Someone else also told me that a man would go to the Turkish baths when he was involved in housing distribution. I guess that means he enjoyed something and also sweated for something.

According to the man, benefits of housing distribution are you can get something, whatever that may be. Sex with a woman, some cigarettes in your cabinet, anything is possible. And the costs would be you might encounter some crazy individuals. Even if you'd just accepted some cigarettes from him, you would feel awkward to sweat when you met him, and the more you felt uneasy, the more the sweat would pour out.

Okay, so I decided to finish the housing distribution before this summer.

A long sigh

Anyway I am a man, so when I have dinner with Miss Hei Li, my heart is fluttering. After dinner, she said she had to go back to her parents' home where she lived just a few hundred meters away. To tell the truth, I didn't want to leave that small, noisy restaurant. So I tried my best to smile at her and emotionally gazed at her. I believe my eyes were murmuring to the woman: misreading this, misreading that, forgetting I am a married man. Giving me a hint, giving me a hint, not taking me as your su-

pervisor, your supervisor is a man after all.

Unfortunately she seldom looked at me, but just sat there sighing in sorrow.

Speak out the truth, then regret at once

The task of housing distribution occupied my whole life. It reduced my reading time and stole the fun of sitting quietly beside my fish with the newspapers. Most of my time was wasted with letters, or rather 'notes', secretly tucked into my hands from people in my institute. The contents were all about housing. Some honest guys just talked about themselves, all their words repeating why they should get housing from the institute. Why in heaven if all those guys floated such ideas face to face, did they bother to write more letters? Maybe they believed it would double guarantee their chances by submitting a written application together with an oral one. Some other men were quite crafty, representing the minor positions of the institute. In those letters they laid out not only the reasons why they should receive housing, but also pointed out why others were not qualified. And the people they referred to were the more likely candidates. And I had to show my personal respects to their competing spirits.

Tell me your most intimate secrets

She turned to me and held my neck. Then at the left side of my neck, she spoke to me softly, "Hey, I see your shortcomings, but they will not disturb me."

I was greatly moved.

"If now I tell you I want a house, I guess you would think it the reason I'm hugging you, right? Have you already thought so?"

I said nothing but just held Hei Li tightly. Actually I did not know what I should say. My life had never been so complicated.

"You could tell people in our institute that my parents drove me out because they could not accept my boyfriend, and then I separated with my boyfriend, and so

have no place to live. And from tomorrow on I will live in the office for a while. I am not greedy, the institute can even lend me some place."

I was holding that woman so tightly, seeming as if I had promised something, but I could not. So I just spoke her name: "Hei Li, Hei Li, oh, Hei Li..."

"Freeze!"

Please permit me to pass over all the bullshit before I announce the final housing-distribution list. And because you do not know the ones who got housing and they were nothing to do with my story, I'll just tell you about the ones you know who had applied but got no housing: Yu Kui, Liu Dengyun, and Hei Li.

No chaos at all, just freezing quiet in the meeting room. I felt uneasy in such silence and began to doubt whether I had done the right thing. Hei Li turned her head to the wall as if there was another list posted on it. She must have known I was looking at her, so she purposely avoided me. I felt some guilt for her, which might be the cause of my vacant expression in that short silence. Liu Tuoyun was still sitting there, in the same pose as at the beginning, staring at her feet.

Yu Kui was not there!

I realized that, when he pushed the door and quietly entered the room. He was soaking wet and stank of petrol.

We all knew what was happening as he poured petrol onto his body.

The End

We left that city, Liu Tuoyun and I. We sold all our things there.

Now we are living in a small village, she plants flowers and I grow vegetables. We use our products to change money and use the money to buy food and some other necessary things. Everything is fine and we don't need the comments of others. We build a different relationship with our new neighbors- just discussing weather and news from the TV.

(By PiPi, abstract from

A Man, So Call)



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Concubine Drowns In Pop Music

By Hu Xiaoli

Since the debut of 'Farewell My Concubine' in Beijing in 1921, this classical tragic love story between the warlord Xiangyu in the Qin Dynasty, and his concubine Yuji, has attracted the interest of many artists.

It was the film by the same name directed by well-known Chinese director Chen Kaige that earned him the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Festival and a Golden Globe for Best Foreign Film in 1993. In the new century this love story is returning to the stage at the mini theater of People's Art Theatre in the form of a drama. This adaptation gives modern audiences another chance to appreciate the classics.

Playwright Mo Yan said he intended to create the atmosphere of a traditional Shakespearean romance in this play. The old contradiction between conception and realization seemed to besiege the play once it hit the stage, however. A genuinely tragic love story ridiculously turned into a farce with pop music, local dialects, and other such devices. In the play, when

the warlord Xiangyu was expressing his deep longing for his concubine in beautiful lines, which may have aroused sympathy for the lovers, a pop song suddenly filled the auditorium. The result was a giggling rather than a tearful audience.

Nevertheless, this is just what director Wang Xiangmin was aiming for. According to him, dramas should borrow from popular culture, and meet the taste of the masses.

It seems a trend for present day drama makers to adapt classical tales, while bringing in as many other different art forms as possible. In this way, they might attract more people, and satisfy the needs of the man on the street, but Mo Yan defensively asserts, "Drama also has the responsibility to foster and cultivate popular taste."

In the play, the audience seemed to react more strongly to the bizarre dialects and pop music than the tragedy of the love story. We are wondering whether it is the fault of the audience or the drama makers.



The warlord and his concubine

Photo by Zhuang Jian

Beijing Savors Glass Musical Riddle

By Zhu Lin

Great honor was granted to the 4th Beijing Music Festival when Philip Glass' cello concerto made its world premiere on October 21 at the Poly Theatre performed by cellist Julian Lloyd Webber and the China Philharmonic Orchestra. It is the first time for a Chinese symphony orchestra to receive a commissioned composition from a world-renowned foreign composer.

Philip Glass, the contemporary American composer, made a splash in the music world in the mid-1970s. His music is famous for the style known as minimalism. This form is based on simple, tonal harmonies, clear rhythmic patterns and frequent repetition. The cello concerto is no different, sounding similar to his previous works such as his Violin Concerto written in 1987. Simple but mysterious harmonies well up and down. Thus, the effect of a musical riddle is created.

Although this is the first time many Chinese music lovers are approaching Philip Glass' music, their reaction has been positive. Many moved their bodies to the strong beat while the music told its story. Chen Li, a music critic said, "It's easier to accept than many other forms of contemporary music." When Webber's bow darted across the strings for the last time, convinced applause echoed throughout the concert hall.

When the Korean rock musical 'Line One' came to Beijing on October 13, Chinese audiences were shocked by their deep understanding of modern Western music. Now Chinese musicians and audiences are pushed to their limits to explore the work of Philip Glass. The music brings new challenges which more are needed.



Photo by Lu Beifeng

Idealists Meet in Black Chicken Farm

By Zhu Lin

A poet radically switches career path to chicken-raiser in the film 'Flying like a Chicken Feather', directed by Meng Jinghui, a well-known experimental drama director. Talking about his first film production, Meng emphasizes, "I want to encourage idealists with it."

Ouyang Yunfei, an unsuccessful poet, moves to a small town on the outskirts of Beijing in an attempt to change his life. There he meets former classmate Chen Xiaoyang, boss of a black chicken

factor. Chen used to be a poet too, but now tries to improve the quality of Beijingers' diets by replacing ordinary eggs with the nutritious black eggs from his farm. Fang Fang, a color-blind woman living in the town, falls in love with Ouyang.

The inspiration for the above roles comes from reality. The story of Ouyang and Chen is actually based on Wang Chunfu and Bai Yunfei who used to study at the Chinese Literature Department of the Capital Normal University. Wang says he went to the

chicken farm just because he's interested in rural life.

"In the 1980s when we were at school, different from the young generation today," he recalled, "We were very idealistic at heart. Now, if you say somebody is a poet or an idealist, it's almost like satirizing them."

The film will be completed at the end of October. According to Meng, the director, idealism hides in the most tender and sensitive place of everyone's heart. "I hope to interpret my understanding of idealism through their experience."



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By Priscilla

Practical articles made of leather tend to evoke a sense of simplicity and closeness to nature. This is especially true of the leather goods designed and made by Liu Zaiping, however, his works don't seem to follow the main trends. They have their own distinctive features, and even run slightly counter to current fashion.

Liu's artistic signatures mark all his leather articles. It is a little difficult to identify, but certainly unique. High quality cowhide is selected to make such daily practical items as bags, directories, hats, wallets, bags for mobiles and keys, as well as some leather dolls for decoration. The main characteristics of these articles are simple design, individual shape and no unnecessary frills.



Photo by Chen Shuyi

All the goods on sale are hand-made, mostly under the direct supervision of Liu himself. He says this close scrutiny is a kind of survival way of life, adding that the most pressing problem for him is how to protect his own design patent. Prices range from 15 to over 900 yuan, and at present, a selection of bags are on a special promotion with a 50% or 20 % discount.

Liu isn't big on self-promotion, however his works really say something. He has two shops in Beijing, but the one in Guomao is bigger and has a more extensive selection.

Add: 1) NB 112, World Trade Shopping City, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. 2) 2F Zhongliang Plaza, Jianguomennei Dajie, Dongcheng District. **Open:** 9am-6pm.

No Mongrels Allowed!

By Hydrie

"I am a one hundred percent lover of purebred dogs. Since I was a child, I like dogs very much." So says Wang Zeting (Sonny Wang), the owner of Sunny's Kennel.

For the past few years, Wang has bred over 100 dogs of various standards. Many have been entered in dog shows, winning prizes such as Best in Show, Best of Group, Best of Breed, Best Puppy and Best Junior Puppy. He says that entering dogs in competitions is an important part of his life and living with dogs brings him great happiness.



Doberman Pinscher and Miniature Schnauzer are his favorite dogs, and he travels to America several times a year to see top level competitions, such as the Westminster Dog Show and the Doberman Pinscher of America National Specialty Show.

To improve breeding standards, Wang has visited various famous kennels, including Marienburg, Aquarius and Blythewood.

He says it is difficult to introduce top-level dogs from America to China, as it is difficult to buy them for export.

Sunny's Kennel is mainly engaged in breeding Doberman Pinschers and Miniature Schnauzers. To assure the quality of the bloodline, the breeding quantity is strictly limited. Cleanliness as a means of preventing disease is stressed, and all the dogs sold have the proper vaccinations. The dogs are not sold until they reach 8 to 12 weeks of age, and they undergo certain training during this period. The bloodline certificate and health certificate are given to the customer for future breeding purposes and epidemic prevention.

Where: Daxing County. **Tel:** 13701009509.



Foreign student Xin Li from Sweden

Silent Peking Opera

By Priscilla

For those who love the visual side of Peking Opera, or anyone who simply enjoys dressing up, a photographic studio called Experiencing Peking Opera offers an opportunity you won't want to miss.



Xin Li

Situated near Liangmaqiao, Experiencing Peking Opera opened last August. The owners claim it is the only professional studio specializing in taking photos of people in the authentic costumes and makeup of characters from various traditional Peking operas. The eye-catching exterior wall is painted with six large Peking Opera figures, while the studio resembles an actual opera theater. The big stage, featuring strategically placed classical-style furniture and adjacent dressing room will make you feel you have really entered the world of Peking Opera. Customers can go through the procedure of being made-up, having their hair styled, being adorned with the various ornaments and costumes and striking the poses of their favorite Peking Opera characters. You can even buy selected paraphernalia to take home with you.

The workshop covers about 800 sq. meters and has seven different studios with tens of backgrounds of Chinese ink & wash paintings to choose from. All together there are over 20 female character costumes and over 10 for males. Customers can select different styles according to their own interests, and different sets are differently priced, ranging from 280 to 2,980 yuan. A service for children is also offered. A professional Peking Opera actress is on hand to assist with poses and gestures.

The photos can be processed with special effects, if you so desire, to give it the appearance of a Chinese ink & wash painting, oil painting, or an old black & white photograph.

The shop owners, a young couple named Tie Bing and Zhang Yu, hope to popularize this ancient art among people from home and abroad. Maybe the old traditions are just the fashions for today!

Add: Tower B, Kent Center, 29 Liangmaqiao, Chaoyang District, head east from the Lufthansa Center, turn left at the second set of traffic lights, then walk 80m. **Open:** 9am-5pm, you can call to make reservations if you want to go after 5pm. **Tel:** 64369709 (Chinese), 13601120983 (English).

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Fancy Finding by Sheer Luck

By Lydia

Don't look down upon this shabby shop. Perhaps tomorrow you'll find yourself here after reading this article! For no matter what you are looking for, if it is hard to find, you will most likely be able to buy it at Hard-to-find Commodities Shop ().

"Although our shop is small we are now doing nation-wide business," says the owner Wang Jinqiao proudly. Everyday we get many calls from all over the country, some are enquiries and some are to place orders.

The owner and his fellow workers search everywhere they can for their clients, even in U.S., Japan and Hong Kong! The 7-year-old shop has its own website since 1997 and most of their clients are from Internet. A foreign official seeks help finding a kind of traditional tool for sealing important documents, a British couple heard of the little clay figures of the 56 Chinese nationalities but didn't know where to buy them. Wang satisfied them, finding exquisite handicrafts in just two days.

Probably now, you are worrying where you can buy something in particular after

much fruitless searching. You only have to tell the shop assistants what you want, the standard, the model and the quantity, and they will take care of the rest. In a few days, or even sooner, the item will most likely be in your hands.

"I have seen many people terribly upset not knowing where to buy something. At first it was really difficult to run the business, but now I have information resources from many countries," says Wang. Some of the articles they have succeeded in tracking down for customers recently include a tandem bicycle, a supersonic mouse-killing instrument, and earplugs to block out noise. All these things are rarely seen in the usual markets, but easy to get via their help. However, we suggest you take an interpreter if you don't speak Chinese.

Add: 66 Dongsishi'ertiao, Dongcheng District, bus 113 to Xiaojie. **Open:** 8am-6pm. **Price:** base price 100 yuan. **Tel:** 64046794/13801297034. **Web:** www.q114.com.cn.



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High time for purchasing houses in USD

By Dan Dan

Interest rates in the US have been cut further since the September 11 terrorist attacks, with the aim of restoring investor and consumer confidence. It is not yet clear how effective such measures will be, but what is certain is that now is a good time for foreigners to invest in Beijing using US dollars.

4% decrease in interest on USD loans

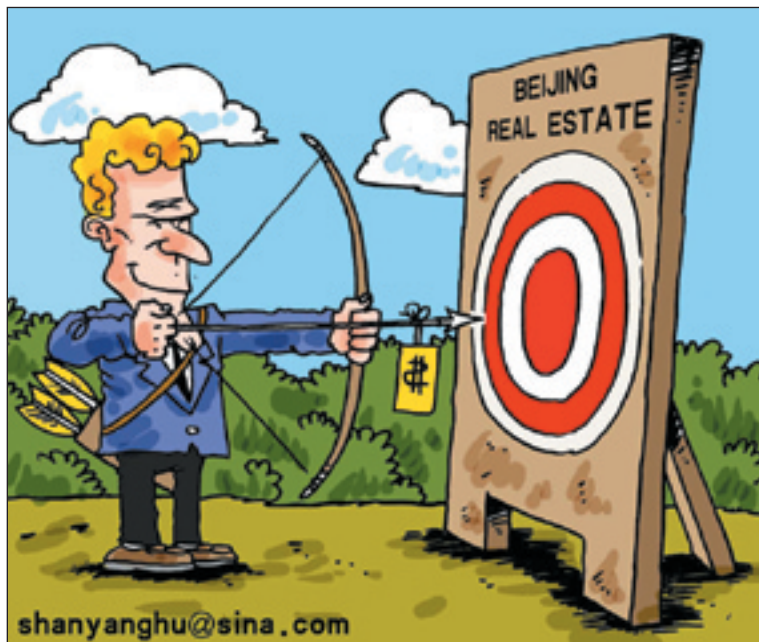
With the American economy teetering on the brink of recession, the American Federal Reserve has cut interest rates nine times over the past ten months, by a total of almost 4%. On October 2, interest rates hit 2.5%, a 39-year low.

Interest on USD loans in China have followed suit, and are now down to around 5.5%.

In other words, now is an ideal time to purchase a house or apartment in China with a USD loan.

It is cheaper to buy a home with a USD loan than with RMB

Take Chaoyang Garden in



Pictures by Xie Feng

Chaoyang District as an example. If you buy an apartment with an RMB loan, (70% over 20 years), the annual rate is 5.58.

For the same purchase with a USD loan, the annual rate is 5.5%, 0.03% lower.

However Hong Kong Shanghai Bank Cooperation (HSBC) is offering special deals for foreign

purchasers for Chaoyang Garden, the most favorable rate is 4.5%, 1% less than the normal 5.5%. The Bank of East Asia (Dongya) is also offering interest rates of 5.5% to foreign purchasers.

Foreign banks decrease interest rate

According to sources at the

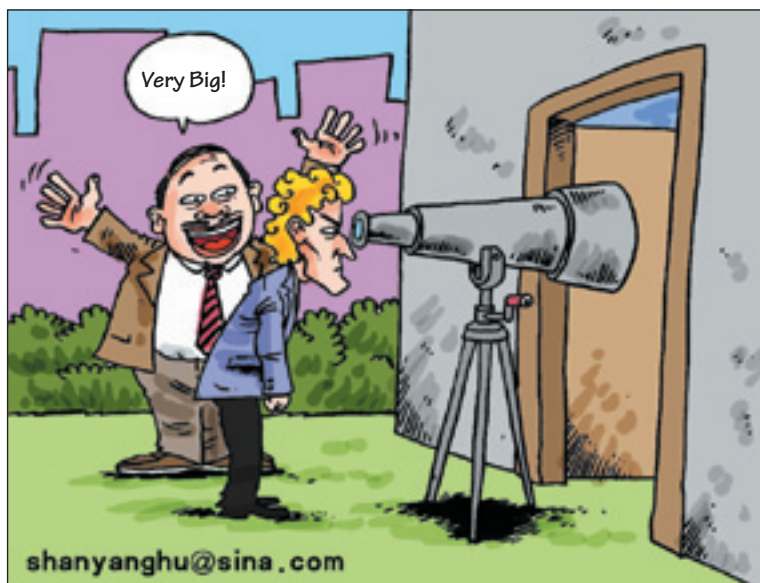
Fed, a further cut of 0.25% to 0.5% may occur before the end of the year. However compared with the USA and Japan, the steady development of the Chinese economy assures stable interest rates.

The stability of the Chinese economy has bolstered the status of the RMB. The policy of permitting foreign banks to operate in China also allows them to offer more favorable services to customers.

At present, foreign banks have decreased their foreign currency loan rates to cater to the market needs.

If the Chinese government allows foreign banks to engaged in RMB loans, it is likely that more foreign banks will come to China to invest, resulting in better services to both foreigners and locals.

The winning of the right to host the 2008 Olympics, the imminent entry to the WTO and the USD loan rate decrease are all indications that now is the right time for foreigners to buy homes using USD loans in Beijing.



Purchasing trap How big is the apartment?

By Dan Dan

Calculating the actual area of an apartment can be quite a complex operation and many unsuspecting buyers end up paying for a square meter or two of floor space that they don't actually own. If you do not have a good understanding of the terminology involved (and your own tape measure), you will be at a disadvantage in this battle of wits with the developers.

First you need to familiarize yourself with the jargon:

1. Sales area: this is known as the construction area, including the area of the apartment as well as the shared public areas.
2. Usage area: this includes the living areas, interior hallways, kitchen and bathroom, but not the balcony.
3. Wall area: this is a little complicated to calculate as each apartment has both exclusive and shared walls. The area of shared walls is calculated at 50% and that for exclusive walls, 100%.
4. Construction area of balcony: if the balcony is totally enclosed, then the entire area is counted, if it is not enclosed, half the area is counted.
5. Apartment construction area: the sum of 2, 3 and 4.

The formula to calculate the usage rate is: apartment construction area / sales area. As the sales area includes the apartment usage area, wall area and construction area of balcony, the usage rate will be relatively high. Most developers calculate the usage area in this way.

But this method is misleading. The right formula should be: apartment usage area / sales area. This doesn't take into account the wall area and balcony area. As the usage rate derived by this formula will be lower than that by the previous one, it is not widely used by developers. However this formula provides the real usable area for the apartment.

Suppose you buy a 120-square-meter apartment; there will be a 4% - 6% difference in the usage area calculated by the two formula mentioned above.

Countermeasure: Familiarize yourself with the terminology, arm yourself with a tape measure and calculator, and don't be bullied by smooth talking developers.

Another common trick relates to shared areas.

The problem is not what constitutes a shared area, but the changing use of shared areas over time. Here is an example. The area used by the property management company is about 30 square meters and is included in the shared areas. After a period of time, the space is divided into two, one of which is leased by the company as a retail outlet. This area should no longer be included in the shared area, and you may well be entitled to a refund or reduction in mortgage repayments.

Countermeasure: Ensure that both the sales area and the shared areas are clearly defined in the contract, as well as the uses to which the shared areas may be put.

Renting in the north North Fourth Ring Road

By Dan Dan

Today, we look at apartment prices around the north Fourth Ring Road, from Wangquanhe Road in the west to Wangjing in the east.

Wangquanhe Road to Zhongguancun Yiqiao

Prices around here range from about 1,300 yuan for a simply decorated, fully furnished one-room apartment to 1,500 yuan for a two room and 2,000 yuan for a three room apartment.

More elaborately decorated apartments might cost between 1,500 and 1,700 yuan for one room, and up to 2,000 yuan for two rooms.

Apartment rentals in Zhongguancun (China's Silicon Valley) are among the highest in the north Fourth Ring Road. Very convenient for software and spare parts for your computer.

Zhongguancun Yiqiao to Xueyuanqiao

A simply decorated, fully furnished one room apartment costs around 1,400 yuan, two room, 1,600 yuan and three room 2,100 to 2,400 yuan. Better quality apartments cost 1,600 yuan (one room) and 2,000 yuan (two rooms).

This area boasts Beijing's highest concentration of universities. Lot's of students, local and from out of town/overseas, and consequently a very lively part of town. Many netbars, bars and cafes.

Xueyuanqiao to Zhixinqiao

The average price for one room with simple decoration and full facilities is 1,300 yuan, two room 1,500 yuan and three room 1,700 yuan. Compared with other places in the north Fourth Ring Road, prices here are low. The nearby Golden Star Furniture Shopping Center should cater to most of your home-furnishing needs.

Zhixinqiao to Anhuqiao

A one room apartment costs around 1,800 yuan, two room 2,300 yuan and three room 2,800 yuan. Winning the 2008 Olympics has pushed up prices around Yayuncun, as it is close to the site of the Olympic Village. Good traffic and living facilities.

Anhuqiao to Wangjingqiao

The average price for one room with simple decoration and full facilities is 1,200 yuan, two room 1,400 yuan and three room 1,700 yuan. Wangjing area has developed rapidly in the past few years and has excellent infrastructure and living facilities. Most of the apartments offered for rent around here are new, but the prices are no higher than elsewhere.

Lu Song Yuan International Hostel

Beijing By Andy Xu

“When traveling, the happiest thing is to make new friends”, according to James Lee, an American-Chinese staying at the Lu Song Yuan International Hostel.

“I have lived in many international hostels around the world, but one of the most interesting things is here in Beijing, when I live with three other people from different countries, Germany, India and Australia.”

“I am a stamp collector and my major is art design. I did not expect to meet anyone with the same interests in a different country. We four did not sleep at night and kept chatting.

At first, all the topics were closely related to stamp collecting. Later the topics switched and we were so happy to find that we all shared an interested in such things as swimming, traveling, and Celine Dion songs.”

That was a year ago and this is the second time for me to come here, as we all promised to meet again here the following year.

Profile of the hotel: Lu Song

Yuan hotel is located on the north side of Ping'an Avenue, near Beihai Park. There is a business center, which provides an English speaking secretarial service, as well as ticketing and foreign currency exchange.

The hotel features a traditional study where guests can browse through books on Chinese history, poems, and arts and crafts.

Adjacent to the study, a teahouse offers a taste of another Chinese tradition. The restaurant overlooks the hotel's main courtyard and is decorated in a style in keeping with the hotel's Chinese architecture, creating a pleasant dining environment. The restaurant provides western, Japanese and Beijing dishes, including Peking duck, dumplings, and noodles.

Facilities include self-catering dining room, reading room, games room, laundry and shop. It has a central air-conditioning system, 24 hours hot water.

There are 3-4 beds per room. Banshi hutong, Kuanjie, Dongcheng district.

Price: 100 yuan/person

Tel: 64011116



Shangri-La scoops the pool in hotel awards

By Judy Wang

The Shangri-La group has picked up bag full awards recently for its hotel facilities and financial performance. The group was named Best Business Hotel Chain in Asia Pacific at the annual awards ceremony held in Hong Kong for Business Traveller Asia Pacific, while in London, HRH Princess Anne presented Shangri-La with the same

award at an event hosted by the European edition of Business Traveller.

In addition, the Time Readers' Travel Choice Awards survey in the inaugural issue of Time Traveler handed Shangri-La top honors in all three hotel categories: Preferred Hotel/Chain, Favorite Business Hotel and Favorite Resort Hotel.



Guest Quiz
Target: Beijing International Hotel
When: 16:30-18:50, Friday, October 20th
Hotel Detective: Wang Dandan

Amossov Oleg, Russia

Not so many reasons to choose this hotel. The first time I arrived here in China, I stayed here by chance. I asked the taxi driver to bring me to a five-star hotel and it was this one. Being in a country I am not so familiar with, it is a good thing for me to live in a familiar environment.

William Cooper, Britain

I like standards. I am a critical customer and I notice many detail. I know that almost all the customers here are well-heeled customers and I like to dine with such people. It makes you at ease. You are not paid much attention to because of your beautiful clothes nor bothered by any improper behavior like being stared at or so on. Besides, the laundry here is marvelous!

Hilarat Pazayov, Turkmen

The location is very important for me. Before I came to Beijing, I checked a Beijing map and saw this hotel is very close to Beijing Railway Station. I like traveling by train when I go to other provinces, so the location weighs higher when I choose a hotel. Of course, the service is also very good.

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Prince Chun (醇亲王) was the seventh son of Emperor Daoguang and younger brother of Emperor Xianfeng (husband of Empress Dowager Cixi) of the Qing Dynasty. Prince Chun was in charge of construction of the Empress Dowager's tomb and the Summer Palace. In 1861, he helped Cixi grasp power by installing Emperor Guangxu, his son, on the throne. His tomb lies on the side of Yangtai Mountain.

There are hardly any tourists, no awkward imitations nor reconstructions; in the graveyard of the Prince Chun, you can communicate with the ancient artisans through their works that remain preserved there.

There are 111 steps leading to the tablet pavilion. Wild flowers, red leaves and gray stone steps make a picture you will be sure to want to include in your photo album. The tablet pavilion is well preserved, as are most of the other structures within the graveyard.

Behind the tablet pavilion is a drainage system with a crescent-shaped reservoir and a strange shaped bridge. It is very steep, impossible for the passage of carriages. Ascending some twenty steps you will come to the second level of the graveyard. There are no buildings on this part. On the third level you will find three gates, a big one in the middle and two much smaller ones on either side.

On the fourth level lie one tomb and the ruins of a house. The tomb is fifteen meters in diameter and one meter high, and is covered with grass and wild flowers. It has obviously never attracted the attention of grave robbers, there are no signs of intrusion.

There are two steles on the sixth level. Although similar in size and shape, they are very different in style of decoration



Bridge to heaven, the crescent shaped reservoir below

Photos by Du Jialin



Old pine trees lend the graveyard a very solemn and mysterious atmosphere



The tomb of Prince Chun in the shape of column

See rare birds, beasts and plants in their natural habitat and climb the steep mountains in Pangquangou National Nature Reserve

By Jiang Zhong

Pangquangou National Nature Reserve (庞泉沟国家级自然保护区) lies in the northwest of Jiaocheng County (交城县), Shanxi (山西) Province. The nature reserve features an area of 10,466 hectares; the highest peak is Xiaowen Mountain (孝文峰), 2,831 meters high. The reserve was established to provide protection for rare animals and plants. Hiking in the reserve is a wonderful experience, we suggest you visit the rare animals reserve first and then climb to the summit of Xiaowen Mountain.

Details:

The nature reserve is 150 kilometers southwest from Taiyuan (太原), capital of Shanxi Province, and only 23 kilometers from Northern Wudang Mountain (北五当山).

Day 1:

Get onto the Jingshi Expressway (京石高速公路) at Liuliqiao Bridge (六里桥), drive to Shijiazhuang (石家庄), then take the Shitai Expressway (石太高速公路). Fill your tank at the service area of the Shitai Expressway. The drive should take about three hours and will cost 75 yuan in tolls.

Drive to Jiuguan (旧关), then take the Taijiu Expressway (太旧高速公路) to Taiyuan. This will take nearly two hours and cost 70 yuan. It is altogether about 500 kilometers from Beijing to Taiyuan. Spend a few hours looking around the city, and resume your journey the next day.

Accommodation in Taiyuan:

There are many hotels in Taiyuan. Here are some located around the center of town.

Xishan Hotel (西山饭店): 106 Liuxiangbeikou (柳巷北口); 320 yuan per night

Binzhou Hotel (宾州饭店): 118 Yingzedajie (迎泽大街); 268 yuan per night

Yinlong Hotel (银龙饭店): 6 Dongjihuying (东缉虎营); 386 yuan per night

Yingze Hotel (迎泽饭店): 189 Yingzedajie (迎泽大街); 580 yuan per night

Taiyuan is renowned for its cooked wheaten foods, steamed dumplings, beef, braised pork seasoned with soy sauce and bean curd. You can find all these delicious dishes in the food street at Shifudongjie (Municipal Government East Street

and the inscriptions they bear. The stele on the right features a dragon decorated cap and pedestal. The dragons carved into the cap are of an unusual style. They are simple in design and lively in action. The inscription is even stranger. The Chinese characters are not in a traditionally solemn form, appearing more like the hieroglyphics found in an Egyptian pyramid. There is no dragon on the left stele; instead, it features the pattern of a traditional Chinese knot. The inscription gives an introduction to Prince Chun and the construction procedure of the graveyard.

When you come to the highest level, you will find four tombs, all in the shape of column. The larger one in the middle

and the rear part of the open area is the tomb of the Prince Chun. It has been robbed but the structure is intact. Two other tombs stand on the left and one on the right.

Pine trees implying everlasting blessing and long life lend the graveyard a very solemn and mysterious atmosphere. The entire graveyard is a virtual arboretum. Plants of all description cover the surface of the structures within. Some pine trees even grow from the vertical walls. Sitting on the carpet of grass on an autumn afternoon, the graveyard will remind you of a dreamland described in fairy tales.

Where: Guanjialing (管家岭), Bei'anhe (北安河), west of Yangtai Mountain Scenic Spot (阳台山风景区)

How to get there:

By bus: Bus 346 from the

Chinawide



Pangquangou National Nature Reserve

Hike in the Home of Rare Birds

市府东街).

We also suggest a trip to Jinci (Jin Temple 晋祠). Jinci is 25 kilometers southwest of Taiyuan. The most famous historical relics preserved in the temple are the 43 statues of imperial maid-servants. They are in the Shengmu Hall (Hall of Goddesses 圣母殿), the most important hall in the temple.

Day 2:

Refill your car in the morning, leave Taiyuan for Jinci, taking the Jinci Highway; change to the Xiafen Expressway (夏汾高速公路) at the toll station of Expressway 307, drive toward Wenshui (文水); turn right after Kaishan Bridge (开栅桥) in Kaishan County (开栅镇), keep going until you enter the mountain region of the nature reserve. This part of the journey takes around one hour, and will cost ten yuan.

You will get to Pangquangou Travel Agency after Guandishan Mountain Forest Reserve (关帝山森林保护区), Tianjiagou Village (田家沟村) and Xiluo Village (西洛村). Turn left at the sign, and drive toward Zhongqing (中庆). About fifty minutes later you will get to the nature reserve, and a hotel. It is about 152 kilometers from Taiyuan to Pangquangou National Nature Reserve.

Drive for another one hour, you will get into the nature reserve, you need not buy a ticket unless you want to visit the rare animals park; admittance for the park is 20 yuan.

After a 1.6-kilometer-drive, you will come to a

branch road. Drive along this for four kilometers and you will get to the rare animals park. Since you will climb Xiaowen Mountain, you should drive back to the branch road and take another road when you wind up your visit in the park.

The road leads you to Shenweigou (神尾沟) and Xiaowen Mountain. After Shenweigou Village and Houping Village (后坪村), you will encounter a rugged stone road, and unless you are driving a jeep, you'd better park your car there. You can find a guide in the village, for around 50 yuan. There is an open area here suitable for camping.

Before it gets dark, you can admire the beautiful view of the mountains. To your north is Xiaowen Mountain, northeast Yunding Mountain (云顶山), between them are forests of larch and spruce. On the lower mountainside are birches, white poplars and red poplars. At the foot of the mountains is farmland. The mountain region is at its most beautiful in October, though it gets rather cold at night.

Day 3:

Follow your guide to a branch road. Ahead lies the summit of Yunding Mountain. If you have a jeep, you can drive to the summit. After walking for about one hour, the guide will lead you to the foot of Xiaowen Mountain.

Have lunch here. After resuming your journey, you will get to Chengqiang (Castle Wall 城墙) Mountain. The mountain features a narrow crack in the middle, which is like the gate to a castle, it is from this crack that the mountain gets its name. Xiaowen Mountain is on the left side of Chengqiang Mountain.

It takes three hours to get to the summit of Xiaowen Mountain. Spend some time on the grassland; you can sunbathe if it's fine. Spend an hour on the summit. Then come back down again.

Tips:

It gets rather cold at night; take some warm clothes with you; (The entrance to the nature preserve is about 1640 meters above the sea level, and the place you camp in about 1900 meters above the sea level)

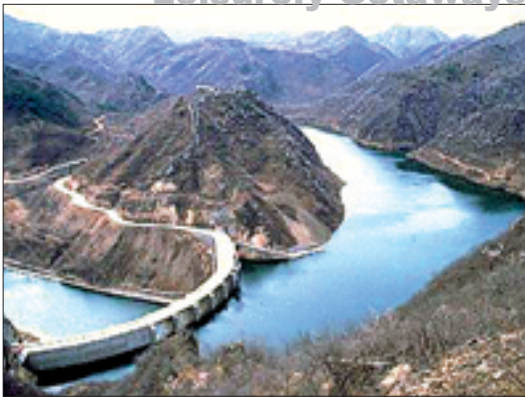
Keep an eye out for snakes.

Accommodation:

You can stay in the nature preserve hotel when you descend the Xiaowen Mountain; 160 yuan for one night

Cultural Tour

Leisurely Getaways



Huanghuacheng Reservoir

Xishuiyu Trek

By Jiang Zhong

This scenic spot lies north of Xishuiyu Village (西水峪村), Huanghuacheng, Huairou County.

The Huanghuacheng (黄花城) Great Wall here was made of local granite during the Ming Dynasty. Unlike at Mutianyu and Badaling, this section of Great Wall has not been reconstructed for the benefit of tourists, so you can read many stories from ancient times if you look closely.

Xishuiyu trek:

Your trek in Xishuiyu begins from an old village named Longquanyu (龙泉峪). There is also a section of Great Wall here named Longquanyu Great Wall. You can visit the village or climb the Great Wall. As you march forward, you will encounter many Chinese chestnut trees, which are now in season.

You will reach Wangquangou (旺泉沟) Valley before long. There is a small stream running through the bottom of the valley, and squirrels, rabbits and pheasants will escort you along your way. There is a deep pool named Heilongtan (Black Dragon Pool) in the valley, the magical water of which is said not only to be able to cure various illnesses, but also to beautify those who drink it. If you want to spend the night here, you can camp by Heilongtan.

After filling up your water bottles, walk on and you will come to Huanghuacheng Reservoir. You can see the Great Wall winding along the ridges of the steep mountains to the east. Part of this Great Wall runs



This unrestored section of wall will speak to you of ancient times, if you stop long enough to listen

on the water. The ruins of Xishuiyu Pass can be found here, the pass was also built during the Ming Dynasty, and functioned as one of the most important passes to Huanghualu Great Wall. The soldiers of the Ming Dynasty planted Chinese chestnut trees here, which are still in very good condition today.

On the second day you can walk on to Yaoziyu (鹞子峪) Castle in Yaoziyu Village. To reach Yaoziyu, you must hike for four kilometers through virgin forest.

The castle was built in the Ming Dynasty, and is in the shape of a trapezoid. Behind the well-preserved castle you will find an underground defense complex constructed by the PLA in the 1960s, which might be fun to explore.

How to get there:

By car: Take Jingchang Road (京昌路) to Longquanyu, about 2 hours drive.

By bus: Bus 916 from Dongzhimen to Huairou, then bus to Huanghua City (黄花城), and one more bus to Xishuiyu

